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Congress approves McKinley funding

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The McKinley Bridge will receive \$3.9 million in federal funds for repairs under a transportation bill recently approved by Congress.

Other local projects in the bill include \$1 million for the construction of the Confluence Bikeway from Alton to Granite City, \$1.05 million to study the proposed new Mississippi River bridge, and \$3 million for land acquisition for the Alton Bypass.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, a member of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, had included many of the projects in the original House version of the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act, which was passed April 1. A conference committee reduced funding on many of the projects by 25 percent.

"I have long believed our region's most important goal is a solid transportation network," Costello said. "That is why I worked so hard to include so many priority projects in the BESTEA legislation."

"The funding included in this bill will build on that network and create new opportunities for economic development in our congressional district

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Food fight

2 arrested after morning tussle at restaurant

Two men were arrested Tuesday morning after battering one another with coffee mugs and syrup bottles during a breakfast fight in a Collinsville restaurant.

Police broke up a fight between Jack C. Merritt, 47, of the first block of Hillwood Drive, Caseyville, and Dennis L. Reynolds, 41, of Granite City, at about 9:12 a.m. Tuesday at the Waffle House, 505 N. Bluff Road.

Detective Dale Wood said the two men know each other and apparently have an adverse relationship. The fight allegedly began when Merritt walked past Reynolds and Reynolds said something to Merritt.

"He said something that (Merritt) apparently didn't like and Merritt responded by hitting (Reynolds) with a coffee mug," Wood said.

Both men were taken by Collinsville Fire Department ambulance to Anderson Hospital in Maryville. Merritt was treated and released to police. Reynolds was admitted for observation but released later in the day.

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Mother Nature smiles on Gateway

2nd Indy race defies rain

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

All that finger-crossing finally paid off.

After two days of race-spoiling rain, 49,500 fans saw defending PPG Cup champion Alex Zanardi of the Target/Chip Ganassi racing team win the second annual Motorola 300 Saturday.

MOTOROLA 300

In the PPG-Dayton Indy Lights championship, Shigeaki Hattori took the checkered flag, while Memo Gidley won the KOOL/Toyota Atlantic race, which was shortened by rain.

It was the second win of the season for each of the drivers. In the CART race, Michael Andretti took second, while Greg Moore placed third.

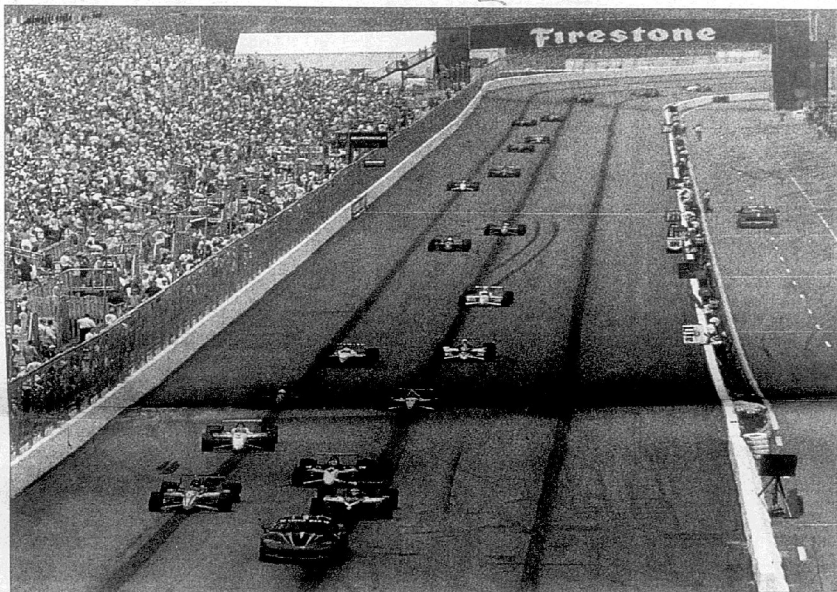
Things didn't go as well for last year's winner, Team Kool Green driver Paul Tracy, who didn't even finish the first lap because of a collision.

His teammate Dario Franchitti was also an early casualty, crashing in the second lap.

Of the 28-car field, 18 finished the race.

"There is no doubt that the rains of the previous two days — and the weather forecast for the entire weekend — kept a lot of potential fans at home," said Gateway President and General Manager Rod Wolter. "But we were happy to be able to get all three races in today, and

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JOHN FRESSE/Press-Record

The pace car leads the field before the start of the Motorola 300 on Saturday.

Worldwide audience migrates to Madison

Opinions of track, region favorable

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The crowds came from all over, and fit every possible description.

Hardcore race fans who follow Indy events from city to city cheered alongside first-time initiates into the world of auto racing. Fans came from the next town, upstate, downstate, across the river and across the world to enjoy the newest venue for big time racing at Gateway International Raceway. Media companies from all over the world sent reporters and photographers.

Overall, the impression was positive.

Chris Hampsey, formerly of the Tri-Cities area and now a resident of Springfield, Ill., said this was his first year for Indy car. He and his brothers, Mark and Ryan, were watching the pits at Gateway Saturday while crews readied the cars for the race's start.

He said he liked what he saw in Madison even more so than the Indianapolis 500, which also raced last weekend.

"(I like it more) just because of the people, the more famous (racing) names," he said. "Plus it's a little bit more of an accommodating venue."

"The racers seem to like it here as well," Hampsey said, citing the same reasons of friendliness and accommodations for the teams and crowds alike. "They pick up on that."

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Chris Hampsey
racing fan

Hempsey, who grew up in Madison, said he was pleased with all the growth that's coming along with the track.

"It's phenomenal," he said. Larry and Penny Clark of Chicago had similar good impressions, except for the parking. The Clarks were here for the first race last year.

"It's really nice — except for the parking, if they could improve on that," Larry Clark said.

Longtime race fans, the Clarks planned to follow the Indy Car circuit to its next stop in Milwaukee.

"We've been to several tracks (nationwide)," he said.

"This is a nice one," he said.

In all, visitors to the track seemed to have a good time watching the races and touring the pits and crew areas during race day and the practice/qualifying days.

Heather Mosenning of Estes Park, Colo., didn't mind the rain on Thursday and Friday. "At least it's not hot," she said. She said she and her par-

ty were here for at least a week.

"We're huge CART lovers," she said. "I like it, I think it's great."

She won the Kool Car Tire Challenge during the qualifying days, beating her sister-in-law, Lisa Mosenning, of Iowa City, Iowa.

"I love it. We're having a great time," Lisa Mosenning said. "I had my picture taken with (driver) Greg Moore."

The only trouble security had was trying to keep people standing back from the fence separating the stands from the actual track.

Help at Gateway came from all over the area as well. William Howard of Beckmeyer was a volunteer firefighter for the race.

The Madison Fire Department had recruited help from the neighboring departments in Illinois and Missouri. Howard was serving as a pit row fireman.

He said he was the first guy over the wall to put fires out if one started in front of the two pits he was covering.

On the other side of the stands, as the race got under way, the huge crowds enjoyed good food, cold beer and lots of cool merchandise. The lines were constantly full for a cold drink or tasty snack, and merchants hawking race-related

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SCOTT COUSINS/Press-Record

Race winner Alex Zanardi enjoys the moment.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Keeping guns out of children's hands is state, national issue

Almost every week, we open the morning newspaper and read about tragedies similar to the shootings in Jonesboro, Ark. or Springfield, Ore.

Just recently, the national spotlight was focused on a 14-year-old who shot and killed his teacher at a dance, and a four-year-old who shot and killed his six-year-old playmate at a birthday party.

While these shootings may not share the same circumstances, one common thread weaves them together — all of these shootings involved guns owned by a family member or another adult who didn't keep the guns locked safely away.

In the wake of these deaths, we must ask ourselves how we can work together to prevent more children from harming other kids and adults with firearms.

In Illinois, at least one child a month dies from an unintentional shooting.

A majority of these deaths are caused by children who are playing with a gun they find in their home or in the homes of their friends.

Although there are no easy answers, we can take steps to prevent these tragedies.

One such step is to acknowledge the responsibility that comes with owning firearms.

That is why Sen. John Chafee (R-Rhode Island) has joined me in introducing bipartisan legislation to hold adults liable if a loaded gun or a gun stored with ammunition is taken by a child and used to injure or kill another person.

While Illinois has no such law, child access prevention (CAP) measures are not a new concept.

Fifteen states from Texas to Hawaii, and several communities, including Aurora and Elgin in our own state — have already enacted similar laws. According to a recent Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) study, unintentional shooting deaths of children under 15 were reduced by 23 percent in states that passed CAP laws.



Sen. Dick Durbin

In Florida, the first state to pass such a law, the reduction was even more dramatic: a 50 percent decrease in the first year.

This legislation is a common sense approach to a tragic and preventable problem.

It also contains provisions to protect adults who have a reason to believe children would be in their homes or whose guns are stolen in a burglary.

I believe we should hold adults accountable for safeguarding their firearms, and according to recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, 75 percent of Americans believe we should have CAP laws in the United States.

Americans have always enjoyed the right to bear arms, but that right has responsibilities.

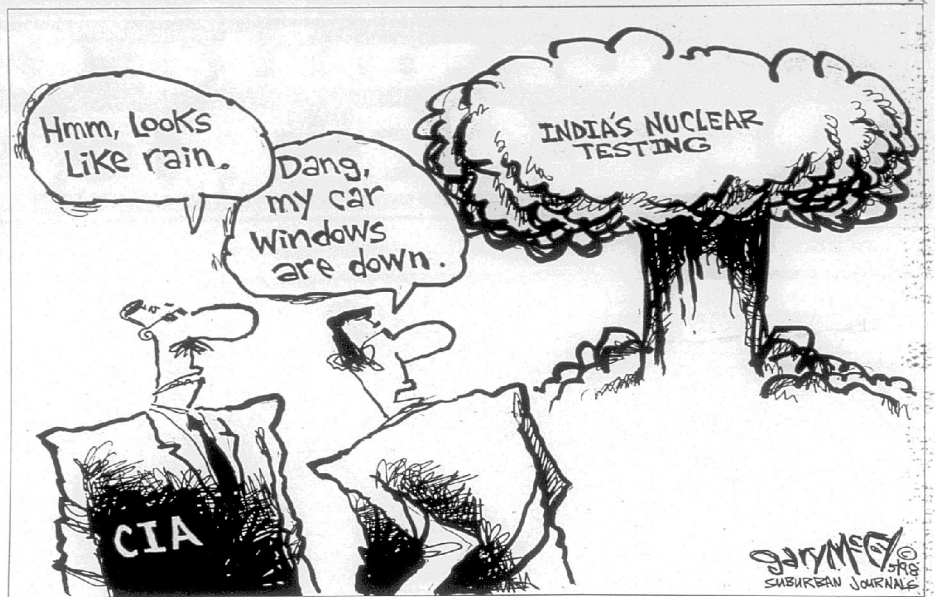
CAP laws have nothing to do with whether people can own guns.

They address the issue of whether these weapons are stored safely away from children.

It's a universal truth that kids will always find Christmas presents and gun, no matter how well they're hidden.

Unless we take action, we will continue to open our morning newspaper and read about children taking guns to school and terrorizing teachers and students and four-year-olds accidentally shooting playmates.

Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) is a U.S. Senator.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education battle continues

TO THE EDITOR:

The battle to make public education better in Illinois is fought continuously on many fronts, including classrooms, school board meetings and in the chambers of the Illinois General Assembly. Currently, lawmakers have before them a bill representing a small, but necessary piece of the puzzle, one that, if passed, will help our state attract and retain the high-quality teachers that our children deserve.

The bill in question is known as the "22 Teacher Pension Bill." Its passage would mean an end to the second-class status currently accorded Illinois' retired public school teachers by bringing their pension benefits up to a reasonable level. The good news about Illinois schools is that our student test scores regularly surpass the national average, a great source of pride for all teachers and parents. Yet, despite significant improvements and consistently solid performances by their students, Illinois public school teachers have little to crow about when their retirement benefits are compared to those of their counterparts in other states. Illinois ranks last among 50 states in several key teacher retirement categories, including the pension levels earned after devoting 20 and 30 years to educating our state's children.

Ironically, teachers are being short-changed at the same time that the General Assembly is passing teacher accountability legislation and other bills that are touted as keys to improving the quality of education in public schools. When these bills are being debated, we hear from commentators who say education is "too important to the future of our state and must get better." They are absolutely right. But they can't have it both ways. For education to get better, Illinois must attract and retain the best teachers. Maintaining Illinois teachers' current second-class status will make everyone's goal of improving public education even more difficult.

While concerns have been expressed about the cost of the pension bill, the truth is that the bill will be funded by teachers, local school systems and by the state.

Teachers do not receive Social Security, a point seldom mentioned by those who deny teachers need reasonable pay or benefits. A pension often constitutes a teacher's entire retirement plan.

To suggest, as some critics have, that an annual pension of up to \$24,000 is exorbitant for a professional who has given perhaps more than half his or her life to educating the children of Illinois is a tremendous insult to the teachers of our state, as well as the children who have benefited from having good teachers.

While answers are often hard to come by, the question is

relatively simple. Are you for better schools, or not? The pension bill is a fair and long-needed step in the right direction for Illinois public education.

BOB HAIMAN
President, Illinois
Education Association

Celebrate Flag Day

TO THE EDITOR:

Flag Day was once a day when America honored the inspirational, unifying and patriotic efforts of our flag — not as a piece of cloth but as the vault for the values of America, the symbol of our soul, our honor, our dignity and our unity.

It has been the issue for the tears of widows as they wept over the coffins of loved ones, the armor and the inspiration of soldiers in combat. It is the shield of justice for soldiers of peace, men like Martin Luther King. And it is the greatest training aid we have to teach our children patriotism, citizenship and respect.

But today, because of the Supreme Court, the flag is just another piece of cloth to be burned and soiled with impunity. One week after Flag Day 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court took away the right of the American people to protect their flag, a right held since our birth. This was a right defended by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson.

Later this year, the U.S. Senate will debate and vote on a constitutional amendment which will return to the American people the right to protect their flag. The amendment would not change the Constitution, it simply would restore it to where it was for 200 years, and reclaim it for its rightful owners. We, the people, understand the value of free speech and we would like for it. What we do not understand is how desecrating a flag is speech.

The Senate will join the House in passing a flag-protection amendment, if they see strong support by the people. We are asking you to show your support, and also to show you care by showing your colors.

The concept of patriotism is not a hollow idea. It is a complex and powerful thing. It is the glue that holds us all together. With one flag, one pledge and one national anthem, we are bound together as Americans.

This Flag Day, I hope you will join me and show your colors in thanks to those whose sacrifices brought us that bounty that is America, and as a sign of your dedication to recapture Old Glory in the future.

MAJ. GEN. PATRICK BRADY
U.S. Army, Retired
Chairman, Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc.

SOUND OFF

Money going up in smoke

I see that our great Collinsville City Council has approved giving \$1,000 for the fireworks display this year for the Fourth of July. Let me get this straight, they won't let you burn leaves because of the smoke, but they will take \$1,000 of your hard-earned tax dollars and send it up in smoke. Hey, Einstein, figure this one out!

The Press-Record invites your calls to "Sound Off!" We apologize to anyone who may have tried to call recently and was unable to leave a message. This was due to a mechanical problem, which has been fixed. "Sound Off!" gives readers an opportunity to state what is on their mind by leaving a recorded message. It is not necessary to give your name. To call the Press-Record/Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-8822 and leave your message.

VOICE BOX

Do you think raising the price of cigarettes will discourage teenagers from smoking?

Photos and interviews by T.W. Miller
Interviewed at St. Clair Square



"It will probably stop me if the price gets too high. But I don't think it will stop most teenagers. It will just create a black market."
Nyiah Wiggand, 18
New Athens
Sales associate



"No, I think the kids that want to smoke will find a way to get the money."
Megan Threlkeld, 17
Belleville
Student



"No, I think it will just force a black market for cigarettes."
Matt Tustin, 18
Troy
Pizza cook



"No, because people who want to smoke will find ways to get them, like stealing."
Marc Meyer, 17
Troy
Student



"No, because they will find a way to get the money to purchase cigarettes."
Beckie Brombolich, 25
Collinsville
Seventh-grade teacher

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NEWS

Lawsuit against Pontoon officers thrown out

Judge rules various department officials were not out of line at raid

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A federal judge has thrown out a \$6 million lawsuit against the Pontoon Beach Police Department and several officers.

The suit stems from a June 4, 1996 drug raid in the 4000 block of Oakmont.

The suit named the village, Pontoon Beach Police Chief Michael Crouch, and then-Detective Rick Hays. Several other officers were later added as defendants.

Plaintiffs in the case were Tarkus Dillard, Vickie Blakely, her two children Elysha Brooks and Tasha Dillard, Tamalisa Barbet and Shaun Hicks.

On May 15, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gerald B. Cohn issued a summary judgment in favor of the departments and officers. In his decision, the judge said one of the reasons for the judgment was the failure of plaintiffs' attorney Thomas Ducey to respond to motions.

On the morning of the raid, about 10 officers from several different departments burst into

"I never did feel it was a mistake due to the circumstances surrounding what activities took place outside of the apartment."

Chief Michael Crouch
Pontoon Beach police

the apartment at 6 a.m. with weapons drawn looking for drugs and a drug dealer, but found neither.

Dillard said an officer, later identified as Hays, put a gun in the face of one of the children, cocked it and screamed at the child.

At the time of the incident, Crouch apologized to the family, but defended the department's actions.

He said the person they were looking for had a history of violent crime, and that officers—concerned about their own safety—entered the apartment with their weapons drawn and pointed toward the floor.

Because the child was laying down, Crouch said it could have appeared to the startled adults that the officer was pointing a gun at the child.

It was also pointed out by other officers not involved in the incident that the gun Hays was using was a double-action semi-automatic that cannot be manually cocked.

The day before the raid, Crouch had said two people arrested for drug possession after a routine traffic stop indicated they had purchased drugs at the apartment.

He also said the apartment manager had erroneously identified the suspect police were

seeking as being Blakely's boyfriend.

Based on the statements of the two informants, the misidentification by the apartment manager, and past experience in the area, police obtained a search warrant.

In his decision, Cohn said "that defendant officers' guns were drawn and they were shouting is not so unreasonable as to constitute an infringement of plaintiffs' constitutional rights, and well-trained officers could have engaged in similar conduct under the circumstances without believing that they were being unreasonable."

Crouch said Tuesday that he was pleased with the court's action.

"I think it was very fair, and I think the judge did the right thing," he said.

"I apologized to the people because they felt it was a mistake," Crouch added. "I never did feel it was a mistake due to the circumstances surrounding what activities took place outside of the apartment."

Ducey was in court Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Bergfield dead at 88

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Community leader Helen Danforth Bergfield of Granite City died Monday, May 25, 1998, at age 88.

Bergfield was for more than 40 years a driving force behind St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Auxiliary and led many successful initiatives such as Mobile Meals and Lifeline.

She was a charter member of St. Elizabeth Health Foundation Board of Directors, and was a recipient of SEMC's prestigious De La Roche Award.

In 1988, Bergfield was honored as one of KMOX radio's and the Suburban Journals' Women of Achievement.

She was given the award in



Bergfield

the area of Civic Betterment for her work with SEMC and the Auxiliary and such causes as the United Way, the Girl Scouts and the Granite City School Board.

Bergfield also was one of four singled out that year by the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois to receive the Salute to Southwestern Illinois for outstanding generosity in community service and significant contributions to the quality of life in the region.

Services are set for 10 a.m., Saturday, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating.

There will be a private family service in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to SEMC's Mobile Meals program.

Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the arrangements.

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JA rezoning denied

Council approves smaller loan for downtown motel

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Granite City Council on Tuesday denied a request of Junior Achievement to rezone its property to fit with commercial use.

JA officials had hoped to rezone their property at 3307 Washburn from R-1 to C-2. The building is in a predominantly residential area. The C-2 zoning allows for light commercial use in a residential area.

The building has been used by JA for the past 35 years as a training facility, said David Antognoli, an attorney for JA.

"This site should never have been zoned R-1 at the outset," he said. "To refuse to rezone the property is to doom it to a future."

He argued that because the building was never used, and never could be used, for resi-

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dential purposes, plus it was suitable and conformed to light commercial uses, the council should rezone it. That would be the only change that would happen, he said.

However, the council did not agree.

"This nonconforming structure is not unlike other nonconforming structures we have all over the city," said Alderman Craig Tarpoiff, chairman of the council's plan commission.

"The city recognizes the usefulness of the structure, but we don't grant rezonings for non-conformants. We handle them through special use (permits)."

"It is necessary when these structures exist in predominantly residential areas, (for) those structures which have been grandfathered. It is

important for the city to maintain the protective nature of residential areas," Tarpoiff said.

He said he was all for a special use permit. Previously it had been before the council, and the plan commission had made its recommendation to grant special use. However, he said he couldn't support the rezoning because of the loss of control of the property.

The council also decided Tuesday night to loan a couple a fraction of the money they wanted to fix up a downtown motel.

Kenny and Ashab Patel, the owners of what used to be the Illini Motel at 1100 Neidringhaus, will receive up to \$10,000 from the city instead of the \$150,000 they had originally sought. The loan is at 3% per-

cent for seven years.

The Patels want to renovate the hotel to turn it into a Super 8 hotel.

Alderman Kim McTaggart said the money was to be used for work for improving the outside appearance of the hotel.

In another action, council members also approved a bid of \$535,044 from Merit Railroad Contractors for extending a rail spur into the Granite City Industrial Park.

Finally, the council approved Tarpoiff's amendment to an ordinance on limiting parking on city lots. Under the ordinance approved Tuesday, no vehicle over 8,000 pounds can park on a city-owned lot. However, businesses leasing lots from the city may continue to park larger vehicles on them.

Council wants residents to clean up, not ante up

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Clean up your own space. If everyone does their part, the city will look much better.

On Tuesday, Granite City officials reemphasized their commitment to encouraging certain residents to clean up their property, thereby making the city a much more pleasant place to live.

To help fight city trash problems, the council last week approved appointing Dave Williams of cable Channel 8 as an assistant to the city inspector for cracking down on litter violators.

Alderman Nick Petrillo, sanitation and inspection committee chairman, praised Mayor Ron Selph and Vince Scrum Tuesday on their recent public comments on their stance on litterbugs.

"The message ought to be, we ought to start developing a little pride. It doesn't make any difference how much money you make, or how little you make. If you take pride and take care of your place, we'd love to have you here. If you can't, take your show on the road."

Alderman Eddie Asadorian commented that the minimum fine of \$25 for littering seemed too low.

"I don't know if it \$25 is much of a detriment or a particular factor in making people change their behavior," Asadorian said. The fines can be as high as \$750.

The city's goal is more to stop the littering than to collect the fines, Petrillo said. Being the nice guy has run its gamut, and he agreed with Scrum and the mayor that the

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NEWS

•Fans

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goods were happy that the rains stayed away Saturday.
"It's been 300 percent better than yesterday (Friday)," said one merchant, who asked not to be identified. That merchant also complained about the parking situation, calling it a "joke."

Kevin Deady, who sold official Michael Andretti and Christian Fittipaldi merchandise, agreed that business seemed better on the actual race day.

"The rain slowed it down, but today — with the race itself — it should be better," he said.

Business and crowds in buying moods are better at the larger tracks, especially in places where a driver originally came from. For example, there were probably plenty of Bobby Rahal fans at the race Saturday. Fans from a particular racer's home town or area are more likely to buy merchandise relating to that driver, he said.

Deady, like the Clarks, follows the racing circuit around



SCOTT COUSINS/Press-Record
Dennis Vitolo talks to reporters after his crash in the 14th lap put him out of the race.

the country, and liked his experience at Gateway. He also had high praise for Gateway employees.
"They've been great from opening day," he said.

"They've been there to make sure everything gets done on time."
(Staff writer Scott Cousins contributed information for this story.)

Roadside parties to get cold reception from sheriffs

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

People who party on rural roads in Madison County might see some uninvited guests in the coming months.
The Sheriff's Department is planning to crash road parties, a favorite warm weather pas-

time of area teenagers, to cut down not only on illegal drinking, but also the potential for tragic results of illegal drinking.
"They'll go out to these parties because they can't drink at home and they can't drink at taverns," Capt. Robert Hertz said. "Then when they

go home, their driving is highly impaired."
Hertz said the department sees two or three deaths each year as a result of teenagers drinking and driving.
He said the parties are also a nuisance to rural residents, as well as to deputies.
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•Bridge

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and our entire region," Costello added.

Officials in the city of Venice — which owns the McKinley Bridge — have said recently that without major repairs to the deck on the western approaches, the bridge would almost certainly have to be shut down in the next five years, and could be shut down in as little as six months.

"We do appreciate Congressman Costello's efforts," said Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols. "It's unfortunate that it took a 25 percent hit, I was informed of that Friday. But that will still go a long way toward what we need to do."

With both state and federal funding, a total of about \$8 million has been pledged to make repairs to the western approaches to the bridge.
Echols said engineers would begin studying the bridge this coming week, and will be sub-

mitting alternative plans soon after.
"Somewhere in between, we need to prioritize what needs to be done," Echols said. "It won't do all the things we want, but the most serious things will be pinpointed and we'll be able to take care of it."

He said the bridge is doing well now, especially because of problems with the Poplar Street Bridge.
"It's doing great," he said. "Traffic is up — naturally — because of Poplar Street. There's nothing but problems with Poplar Street."



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Race fans watch as Heather Moenning, right, races her sister-in-law, Lisa Moenning, left, in the Kool Car Tire Challenge on Friday. Heather won. They're changing tires on one of the cars driven by the Paul Tracy-Dario Franchitti team.

•Race

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all three groups of racers treated our fans to some great action.

"This event will continue to grow, and we will continue to work to make the entire experience of coming to Gateway better each time out."

Overall, track officials said that except for the rain, everything went very smoothly.
"It went really well; things were bigger and better than last year," said Jennifer Gaetano, a spokesman for Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, the parent company of Gateway.

One of the major improvements was the traffic situation. Most of the complaints about last year's race dealt with traffic problems.

Despite having one lot closed

because of the rain, Gaetano said people were able to get in and out much more quickly than last year.

"About a half-hour before the race, one of the radio station helicopters said there was no traffic (on Illinois 203)," she said. "Last year people had to wait a good 1 1/2 hours; this year it was about 30 minutes."

"We had improved our ingress and egress operations plans; also this year we worked very closely with the railroads to make sure no trains were coming through during the race," she said. Madison Mayor John Hamm said things went smoothly from the city's point of view, especially with the fire and police departments.

"There was one intoxicated individual, but he was pleas-

ant," Hamm said.

"Our busy time is two days before the race when clerks have to issue business licenses to the vendors," he said. "Then we go out Thursday and Friday and do our own inspection; we always end up shaking eight or 10 out of the bushes who don't have a license."

In addition, the city receives 60 cents for every ticket sold. However, figures were not available on those receipts.

The next major event at the track is the NHRA Sears Craftsman Nationals, June 25-28, followed by the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, a 200-mile race, Sept. 17-19, and the Gateway 250 NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division, Oct. 15-17.

Battoe Realty, Coldwell Banker Brown merge

The area's largest real estate company is growing in size.
Century 21 Battoe Realty Inc., which previously had offices in Belleville and O'Fallon, and State Realty in Fairview Heights, recently merged with Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors. Coldwell Banker Brown previously had offices in Belleville, Edwardsville, Highland, O'Fallon and Troy.

Prior to merger, Coldwell Banker was the leading real estate agency in Madison County, Coldwell Vice President Julie Hicks said. Coldwell was looking to expansion in St. Clair County.

With the merger, Coldwell Banker will list 800-900 homes in Madison and St. Clair Counties combined, and have 180 real estate agents.

•Fight

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Meritt was charged with aggravated battery, a felony, and released on his own recognizance Wednesday. Charges, if any, against Reynolds were not available late Wednesday afternoon.

Borders releases schedule

The following activities have been scheduled at Borders, 6601 N. Illinois, Fairview Heights:
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NEWS

Port District sees potential growth in future

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Tri-City Port District is looking to make itself more efficient and poised for future growth.

At a public hearing Monday, Bob Wydra, executive director of the Port District, explained the district's plans with the upcoming bond issue. The 1998 bond issue has four components. The components are for activities in some of the port's dry bulk handling facilities.

Series A concerns the infrastructure at Harbor Side Industrial Park. Series B includes refinancing of 1988 bond and

improvements to Dock #2, and Series C is a borrowing from Madison County for improvements to Dock #1.

"The first component is to refinance the 1988 bond issue," he said. "We're trying to take advantage of current interest rates and refinance (the bond issue) to a lower rate."

The series A of the 1998 Bond Issue will help the Port provide infrastructure in the Harbor Side Industrial Park. The Port will borrow \$412,755 to help develop what is currently a vacant parcel.

Series A includes extending a road, rail road tracks, water and sewer lines into this area.

'The Robinson Steel and other developments could occur more effectively on these sites if we provide some basic services into these sites.'

Bob Wydra
Executive director of the Port District

"The Robinson Steel and other developments could occur more effectively on these sites if we provide some basic services into these sites," Wydra said, referring to the impending ground-breaking of the joint Robinson

Steel Co. and National Steel Corp. facility. Groundbreaking for the hot rolled steel-treating facility is set for June 4.

The second component of the bond issue, or Series B, will go towards improving Dock #2 at

an estimate of \$344,000 construction project. It will include modify and extend the existing building that houses rail receiving facility. It will also lessen dust around receiving bins.

"The project in this sense has air pollution control benefits as well," Wydra said. A hydrolic back hoe will be installed that will allow greater efficiency and speed in unloading rail cars. During certain seasons, some product hardens if it gets too much moisture into it, which slows down the unloading process.

Also at Dock 2, a loading spout will be replaced, which

is designed to do a better job on dust control, he said.

The third component centers on improvements to Dock #1, which includes modifications and extensions on the building that houses the rail-receiving staff.

The Port will add a drag conveyor here, designed to allow an entire rail car to be emptied at once, rather than one portion at a time. Three new pipe pile barge mooring tripods will allow Port staff to better move barges underneath spouts where they are loaded.

"Again this is basically an efficiency activity," Wydra said.

Program offers offenders option

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

Officials are suggesting a "mac attack" instead of drug offenders being dragged into court again.

The "mac attack" is the drug court program which is entering its third year of giving minor drug offenders an alternative to being arrested time and again on drug charges.

The program goes by the acronym MC-ATAC — Madison County Assessment and Treatment Alternative Court.

The County Board has designated June 1-7 as National Drug Court Week in Madison County.

Probation and Court Services Director Darrell McGibany said circuit judge Nicholas Byron and Edward C. Ferguson, along with MC-ATAC coordinator Terri Sorger will

visit Washington, D.C., along with 2,000 other drug court professionals that week to lobby area congressmen for more money for drug courts.

McGibany said he and other drug court officials feel it is money well spent because drug court offers offenders an alternative to a life of crime and drugs.

"So far, none of our graduates have been re-arrested," McGibany said.

He said 25 people are scheduled to graduate June 17, bringing the total number of graduates during the first two years to 56.

He said only certain offenders are allowed into the program.

"No drug pushers or people accused of violent crimes are allowed in," he said. The crimes usually involve such offenses as simple possession.

"We try to emphasize first-time offenders," he said.

The people who want to enter the program and avoid criminal prosecution enter an intensive 12-month probation in which they must stay off drugs while participating in an intensive course of counseling involving education and assistance finding a job.

About 100 have gone through the program, he said.

Many of the graduates have found work after finishing the program, McGibany said.

"They are unlikely to re-offend if they have a job," he said.

The program has gone through a two-year evaluation by a state agency to test its effectiveness.

95,000 acres of corn grounded

By Ande Yakstis
Telegraph staff writer

Farmers worked between heavy rains this spring and finally finished planting their corn crop.

"Farmers in Madison County planted about 95,000 acres of corn this spring," said Ray Gvillo of the Madison County Farm Service Agency in Edwardsville.

Rain storms in April and May delayed corn and soybean planting for more than three weeks.

"Rains soaked the fields and put farmers behind in getting the corn seed in the ground," Gvillo said.

Approximately 8,100 acres of corn was planted in early April

in Madison County, but it had to be replanted because the seed failed to germinate in the water soaked soil, Gvillo said.

"The corn seed rotted in the soil in the water standing in the fields," he said. "Farmers replanted the seed."

Green corn plants are sprouting through the soil on farms throughout the five-county Telegraph area.

"The corn is a couple of inches high," said Jerry Kruckeberg, a farmer who lives near Meadowbrook.

Kruckeberg and his farm crew worked between rains to plant about 900 acres of corn on land in Port Russell, Hamel and Omphphent Townships in Madison County.

"It's been a wet spring," Kruckeberg said. "Last year, we were already finished planting corn and soybeans. We're waiting for the soil to dry to start planting about 900 acres of soybeans."

Madison County is a large soybean producing county with an estimated 100,000 acres of

beans to be planted this month, Gvillo said.

Farmers are behind in planting soybeans but if the sun comes out to dry the fields, they can catch up with their planting," he said.

Farmers in Madison County receive an estimated \$42 million a year at the markets for their corn, soybean and wheat crops, Gvillo said.

"The sale of grain crops at the market is a big boost to the economy of the Madison County area," he said. "The agriculture market of corn, soybeans and wheat generates a lot of revenue in the county."

Farmers reap about \$22 million annually from corn and \$10 million each from the soybean and wheat crops.

Approximately 60,000 acres of maturing wheat has turned green and plush across the farm fields of Madison County. "The wheat looks good across the county," Gvillo said.

•Trash

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city needs to be a little stronger. Scrum said that the fine ordinance was adopted several years ago that raised the fines from the \$500 limit to its present limit, and the minimum at \$25, but that doesn't mean if a littering case goes to court the minimum would be charged.

Court action alone can't solve the problem, of course. Taking litterers through the judicial system is a waste of time, said Alderman Casner Skubish, because sometimes cases take a long time to go through the system.

"People who are civic conscious and civic minded are going to have to get together and clean up. Because the

worst spots are a reflection on the good spots in our town," he said.

He asked if the police could do anything more about littering, recognizing that they are already very busy fighting crime.

Chief Dave Ruebhausen said police could only cite people if police have evidence. For instance, police could only do something about broken bottles found in the street if they have proof of who did it or caught the culprit in action.

"I take care of my little area as a resident, and I think most residents do that. When police catch people depositing trash on the street, I'd be disappointed if my people didn't make an arrest," Ruebhausen said.

•Parties

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He said the Great River Road in the Alton area and Drda Lane in the Edwardsville area are popular party spots for high school students.

The parties start popping right after school lets out, he said. Sheriff Bob Churchich said patrol deputies will take vigorous actions against road parties.

"Offenders will be arrested and taken from the party to the Madison County Jail to be incarcerated or released to their parents depending on their age," Churchich said.

Their vehicles will be towed away, he said.

Hertz said deputies will try to find out who sold the alcohol to minors and to prosecute them.

Deputies assigned to a

recently funded federal program called COPS-AHEAD will be instructed to concentrate their patrols in the areas known to be party spots.

The program stands for Community Oriented Police Service. The county was given funding for two deputies to patrol particularly in rural areas.

"This action is being taken in the best interest of the teenagers who engage in this type of activity," Churchich said. "Drinking and driving do not mix."

He said he is hoping stepped up enforcement will encourage teenagers to be more responsible.

"Hopefully, they will find more positive things to do," Hertz said.

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AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Belleville

Disney buys WIBV

Stay tuned — Mickey will be coming to town. Those were the words of Buzz Powers as WIBV radio station in Belleville was gearing up for its first broadcast of Radio Disney on Friday afternoon.

Disney, a Dallas-based station, purchased WIBV on Thursday.

Powers, director, owned stations operations, said Radio Disney is targeted for children 12 and under and families.

Ninety percent of the station's broadcast will be music, including oldies, pop songs, children's songs, themes from Disney movies and songs from popular artists such as Celine Dion.

Other features of the radio station will include ABC news for kids, ESPN Sports for kids, and a history lesson called Dusty Pages.

Fairview Heights

Shrine Circus comes to town

From Russian bears to live wire acts, the American Shrine Circus is coming to town in style.

The circus and its big top are heading toward two locations — St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights and the Casino Queen in East St. Louis.

At St. Clair Square, the circus will be performing in the rear parking lot from June 5-7. At the Casino Queen, the acts will perform in the big top on the parking lot from June 12-14.

Two performances will be held each day at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Live wire acts, animal acts, clowns, and elephant rides for the children will be featured at the event.

Bicycles will also be given away at each performance.

East St. Louis

Temple mounds is named to endangered places list

Underneath the streets of downtown East St. Louis is an even older city, buried under a century of development.

The East St. Louis Mound Group has been named one of this year's 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in the state, an annual list prepared by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois.

The 500-acre site is a chain of 50 ceremonial temple mounds under Collinsville Avenue and parallel to Interstate 64, University of Illinois anthropology professor Tom Emerson said.

Although archaeologists knew about the site in the 1800s, the rapid industrialization of East St. Louis in the early 20th century was thought to have destroyed the mounds.

But when the Illinois Department of Transportation started widening I-64 in 1986, archaeologists rediscovered the site.

Emerson, the director of the university's Transportation Archaeology Research Program, said the site's inclusion on the list will boost public awareness of its historical significance.

The East St. Louis site may have been a sub-capital of the Cahokia Mounds site, which the United Nations named a World Heritage Site in 1982. At their peak 10 centuries ago, both sites were home to 20,000 Native Americans — making the area the largest and most complex site in North America.

Caseyville

Fund raising planned for library

Construction of the new Caseyville Library has had its share of setbacks, but the project finally is beginning to take shape.

After a few weeks of work, the steel frame of the new building next to Caseyville School in the 400 block of South Second Street is almost complete. No one is watching the construction progress more avidly than Head Librarian Diana LeBlanc.

LeBlanc said that rain on 15 of 30 days during March and a delay in the arrival of missing pieces of material in the last week have pushed the project behind schedule. R.W. Boeker of Hamel, general contractors, still anticipate completion within 90 days.

Supporters are trying to assemble funding for

the balance of the \$185,000 for the 3,192-square-foot building.

Collinsville

Splash City nears completion

The deck furniture is in place and the staff has been trained, but four weeks of work remain until Splash City will be ready to open.

Collinsville Area Recreation District is building the area's first public water park, at a cost of \$4.7 million, on 12 acres in Eastport Plaza.

"As I said all along, weather is the key, for better or worse," CARD Executive Director Mark Badasch said.

At the groundbreaking last August, officials anticipated a Memorial Day opening. But a rainy winter delayed construction.

"We had a four- or five-week delay getting the building permit, and a lot of wet weather," Badasch said. "We'll be able to move into the activities building at the end of May, and I anticipate the water park opening June 22."

Badasch said contractors continue to work 10-hour days as well as Saturdays.

The delay hasn't influenced the sale of season passes, which has surpassed expectations.

Senior Hall of Fame takes member nominations

The Illinois Department of Aging has opened the nomination process for the 1998 Senior Illinois Hall of Fame.

The Senior Illinois Hall of Fame was established by Gov. Jim Edgar and the Illinois General Assembly to honor older adults who have made significant contributions to their communities and to society as a whole. It is the Department of Aging's highest honor.

Nomination criteria for the Senior Hall of Fame is categorized in four separate areas of endeavor: Community Service; Education; Performance and/or Graphic Arts; and the

Labor Force. To qualify, applicants need excel in only one of the four categories.

Eligibility is based on the nominee's accomplishments in the category of choice. The candidate must be age 65 or older and a current Illinois citizen or a former citizen who lived in Illinois the majority of his or her life. Posthumous nominees will also be considered.

The Department of Aging will accept nomination forms through June 12. A team of judges will then select one candidate in each of the four categories. These candidates will be inducted into the Hall of

Fame on Senior Day at the Illinois State Fair, Monday, Aug. 17.

Nomination forms are available from the Department on Aging and the state's Area Agencies on Aging. They must be completed and postmarked or faxed to the Department by June 12 to be considered. The address and fax number are included on the form.

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What should people do when they receive their first speeding ticket? Most people realize that if a driver is convicted of three moving violations within a one-year period of time, that person's driving privileges will be suspended. Should a person consult with an attorney, however, when he is cited for his first moving violation?

The answer to this question depends upon the likelihood of being charged with other moving violations within the next twelve months and also upon the driver's ability to pay attorney's fees to seek representation. The driver who is cited for his first moving violation has the option of pleading guilty and paying a small fine, going to court alone and attempting to plea bargain, or retaining an attorney to plea bargain on his behalf. Some would say that a person really does not have a problem until he is facing his third moving violation.

One must realize, however, that the driver who is convicted of his first moving violation may be cited the next day for two or three additional moving violations arising out of another incident. In addition, there is also the potential of being arrested out of state and not having the opportunity to appear in Court due to the distance involved. Thus what may seem like a minor problem when the person receives his first moving violation may turn into a major problem if additional moving violations appear on the record within a twelve-month period.

It may be wise for a driver to seek court supervision even if it is his first moving violation. If a person obtains court supervision, this means that no conviction appears on his record and it is not considered a moving violation. Often one must weigh the advantages of keeping his driving record clean against the disadvantage of paying money to be represented in these matters.

In one recent case, a driver was cited for improper lane usage. Since this was his first ticket, he paid the fine, and a moving violation appeared on his record. Three months later, he was involved in an automobile accident and was convicted on a charge of running a stop sign. He then had to drive for an eight-month period without obtaining another moving violation on his record. It is evident that even a first violation should be taken seriously, since unforeseen problems may develop in the future.

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Southwest Shoot-Out has new life away later in spring

It was the Memorial Day weekend, but it just didn't seem like it. For the second straight year, there was no youth soccer tournament in Collinsville.

For years — like 15 of them — the Southwest Shoot-Out soccer tournament traditionally kicked off the area summer soccer tournament season. Run by the Collinsville United Soccer Club, the tournament featured some quality teams, attracting more than 100 boys teams from throughout the Midwest.

But the tradition ended two years ago when the Motorola 300 kicked off at the Gateway International Raceway in nearby Madison. A youth soccer tournament — as big as it is — still couldn't compete with the national event. In fact, area motel operators told the Collinsville United people that they wouldn't give them any rooms, given that the racing crowd could command a higher rate than the families who flock to Collinsville for the Shoot-Out.

At first, the Collinsville United people weren't happy about moving their tournament from the traditional Memorial Day weekend. Last year, they pushed the boys part of the tournament the weekend after Memorial Day, keeping the girls phase of it intact two weekends after Memorial Day. The shift hurt the tournament, as it lost some teams.

This year, though, the tournament is realizing a resurgence. Greg Lowell, president of Collinsville United, said there will be 150 boys and girls teams for the tournament, which will be held June 5-7. He said this is as large as the tournament has ever been. And for the first time, the boys and girls teams will play on the same weekend.

"It's going to work out," Lowell said. "In fact, it may even be better for us. For one thing, we don't have to compete with the J.B. Marine and Busch tournaments, which were both held over Memorial Day weekend. Secondly, it's easier for our parents, who only have to work the one weekend, rather than coming out for two weekends."

"We liked the fact that you had three days for the tournament when we had it on Memorial weekend, but most tournaments are played on only two days over a weekend. Also, with the later date, most kids are now out of school, where, before, most of them were probably still in school. In a lot of ways, it makes more sense to have the tournament later."

Lowell said a plus for combining the girls and boys is that some clubs which didn't come to the tournament because of the split now are willing to participate. They want their boys and girls teams going together to the same tournaments.

After a successful Andy Waite Easter tournament this spring, Lowell said Collinsville United is again ready to showcase its new complex of nine fields. Combined with the five fields at the Van Fossan Collinsville Soccer Association recreational complex and the two at the Sports Complex, the tournament has 16 fields to offer participants in a much-desired compact area.

"We're probably maxed out at 150 teams with the facilities we have," Lowell said. "The fields are in great shape because of the cool and rainy spring we've had. We're ready to go."

Lowell said teams from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Tennessee will make up this year's field.

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The Metro East is certainly not hurting for soccer tournaments. Three already have been held this spring. After the Southwest Shoot-Out, the Alton Belle Soccer Club will conduct its tournament June 20-21, the same weekend the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club (Metro) will hold its 3-on-3 tournament. The Prairie State Games will have its tournament June 26-28 in Edwardsville. Then in the fall, the Granite City Elks have their Labor Day weekend tournament and the Edwardsville club also hosts a tournament.

"You don't have to travel far to play in a lot of tournaments around here," Lowell said, "and that's not even counting the ones in St. Louis."



Warriors eliminated

The Granite City girls soccer team was eliminated from the IHSA Class AA playoffs Tuesday night, falling to Edwardsville on penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie.

Granite City, the second seed in the Class AA O'Fallon sectional, had opened tournament play last week with a 7-0 thrashing of Cahokia.

The Lady Warriors finished the season at 12-3-3.

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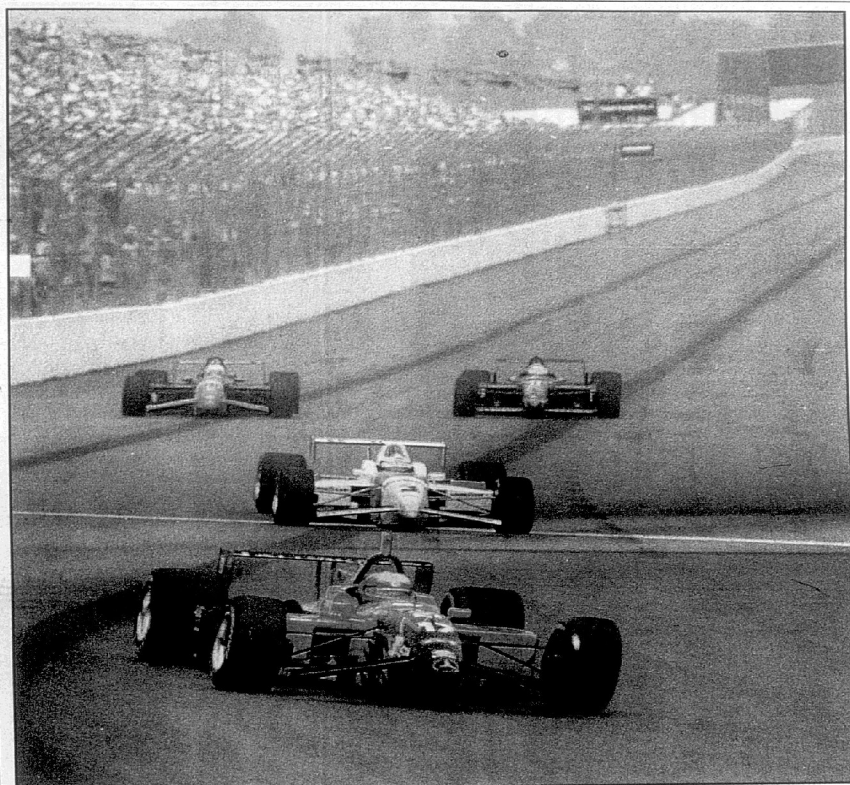
Granite City's Keri Ousley carries the ball into the offensive zone during a recent game.

GIRLS SOCCER

In other results Tuesday, top-seeded Collinsville, which had tied Granite City during the only regular season meeting, beat Belleville West 4-1. Belleville East beat Triad 3-1 and O'Fallon beat Carbondale 2-1 to advance to today's semifinal games.

The sectional championship is 1 p.m. Saturday at O'Fallon.

Tournament agate..... Page 2B



The beginning and the end

The second annual Motorola 300, an event on the CART FedEx Championship Series for auto racing, was conducted Saturday at Gateway International Raceway in Madison. ABOVE: Cars jockey for position at the start of the race. AT LEFT: Alex Zanardi celebrates the victory that made him the first two-time winner on the CART series in 1998. Zanardi used a late pit stop to turn back Michael Andretti for the victory in front of 49,500 fans. More photos from the race on Page 2B of today's sports section.



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Face lift

Metro East club makes name for itself with more players, sponsorship from Game Face

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Jeff Juenger was not expecting a growth surge like the one he has witnessed when he started his own club volleyball team. Juenger was a coach with the Volleyball Training Network when he decided to start his own club team. He was not looking to steal any of VTN's thunder, he just wanted to offer players some other options.

"It started out as a small two-team club as an opportunity to let the kids play a little bit more than what the other clubs provided and travel a little bit more," Juenger said. "It just grew more as we got a better name for ourselves. It went from two teams to five. Now we're up to 18 teams."

"We've grown to about 190 players at the girls level. We started a boys program with about 24 players."

The club's growth was a reflection of the growth in the region. When Juenger was working with VTN, there were about 2,000 girls participating in club volleyball. The number has now grown to about 3,600 girls.

As club volleyball continued to grow locally, Game Face Sports apparel came on board as the main sponsor to provide uniforms for the players. That and the club's new home at Family Sports Complex on Mascoutah Avenue in Belleville seemed to provide the boost the club needed.

"It helps (having Game Face as a sponsor) for advertising purposes," Juenger said. "They do all of our printing and we use their design. It just gives us an identity. A lot of the major clubs are sponsored by big corporate sporting apparel places. That will help us in the future having Game Face involved."

With the club growing at its current rate, Juenger has had plenty of help in the coaching ranks. Terry Kestel, Marvin Hayden, Sue Merker and Juenger work with the 15- through 18-year-old teams. Tom and Beth Maue work with the 12- to 15-year-old squads.

Juenger knows there will be an even greater need for coaches and Game Face's support because the age divisions are expanding.

"They used to have 18, 16, 14 and 12 levels. They were staggered so you had 15-year-olds playing against the 16-year-olds," Juenger said. "Now they have added the 17s, 15s, and the 13s, so those age groups can compete against their own age groups. They have also added 10-and-under teams. That really didn't take off in this area. We had about six, seven or eight kids tryout for the 10-and-under but it just didn't get started in our region. The regions out west have 10-and-under. It really wasn't feasible for the 8-, 9- and 10-year olds we had to travel to Kansas City and Indianapolis to play in 10-and-under tournaments."

When club volleyball initially started in the Metro area, it seemed it attracted players from the Belleville area. Now players from Collinsville, Edwardsville play for Game Face.

Juenger says the club draws players from a much larger area than even locally.

"We have kids try out from as far north as the south Springfield area, as far south as Her-

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SPORTS

GIRLS TRACK

CLASS AA
GIRLS STATE MEET
(May 23 at Charleston)

Team Results

1. Evanston Township 60; 2. Chicago Morgan Park 44; 3. Hillside Proviso West 36; 4. Crete Monee 34; 5. Homewood Flossmoor 28; 6. East St. Louis Lincoln 22; 7. Elmhurst York 22; 8. Mount Prospect 21; 9. Glen Ellyn 19; 10 (tie). Kankakee 18 and Morris 18; 12. Lake Forest 17; 13. Chicago South Shore 14; 14 (tie). Libertyville and Wheaton Warrenville South 13; 16 (tie). Arlington Heights, Chicago Simeon, Springfield Southeast and Woodstock 12; 20 (tie). Carol Stream (Glenbard North) and Normal Community 11; 22 (tie). Aurora Rosary, Bloomington, Gurnee Warren, Harvey Thornton, Springfield Sacred Heart Griffin, St. Charles and Wheaton North 10; 29 (tie). Highland, O'Fallon, Oak Park River Forest and Taylorville 9.

Individual results

Discus — 1. Dore DeBartolo (Aurora Rosary) 142-8; 2. Adrienne Leschewski (Morris) 140-0; 3. Tracy Moss (Minooka) 138-2; 4. Dawn Payne (Aurora West) 132-5; 5. Rebecca Koehler (Bolingbrook) 132-0; 6. Julie Sorrentino (Machesney Park) 131-10.
High jump — 1. Kristan Pace (Gurnee Warren) 5-8; 2. Lashawna

Canty (Algonquin Jacobs) 5-8; 3. Jamie Tyler (O'Fallon) 5-6; 4. Billie Russell (Dundee Crown) 5-6; 5. Megan Reagan (Lake Forest) 5-5; 6. Cynthia McGee (Joliet Township) 5-5; 7. Christine Archibald (Bellefonte West) 5-5.

Shot put — 1. Adrienne Leschewski (Morris) 44-9/16; 2. Shola Kadiri (Evanston Township) 43-11/16; 3. Shani Brown (Chicago Mather) 42-7/16; 4. Ade Oshinowo (Waubesa Valley) 41-9; 5. Sam Serrano (Hoffman Estates) 41-7/16; 6. Julie Sorrentino (Machesney Park) 41-0/16; 10. Danielle Lawary (Bellefonte West) 38-11/16.

Long jump — 1. Jasmine Jackson (Proviso West) 18-11/16; 2. DeAnna Riley (Chicago Simeon) 18-11; 3. Laura Valdeperas (Woodstock) 18-9/16; 4. Shavon Alexander (Richton Park Rich South) 18-4/16; 5. Bianca Rockett (Kankakee) 18-4/16; 6. Allison Curtin (Taylorville) 18-3/16.

Triple jump — 1. Bianca Rockett (Kankakee) 41-0/16; 2. Crystal Riley (Chicago Morgan Park) 38-0/16; 3. Janelle Johnson (Champaign Central) 37-9/16; 4. Lashon Kennedy (Evanston Township) 37-9/16; 5. Nicole Whitman (Darlen Hinsdale South) 37-7/16; 6. Tammie Beasley (Rockford East) 37-5/16.

3,200 — 1. Ann Gaffigan (Sacred Heart Griffin) 10:30.69; 2. Jenny Arnold (Libertyville) 10:49.99; 3. Katie Hartmann (Woodstock) 10:50.1; 4. Victoria Jackson (Lake

Forest) 10:58.25; 5. Lissa Bogley (Lisle Benet Academy) 11:00.07; 6. Elizabeth Tumpach (Downers Grove North) 11:04.01; 12. Abbie Perez (Bellefonte East) 11:37.16.

110 high hurdles — 1. Crystal Riley (Chicago Morgan Park) 14.71; 2. Elvira Williams (East St. Louis Lincoln) 15.23; 3. Jenei Klostermann (Highland) 15.43; 4. Brooke Thomas (Freeport) 15.43; 5. Carla Hill (East St. Louis) 15.67; 6. Satriya Pompey (Evanston Township) 15.68.

100-meter dash — 1. Wanika Vance (Crete Monee) 11.78; 2. Consuela Moore (Chicago South Shore) 12.12; 3. Jasmine Jackson (Hillside Proviso West) 12.13; 4. Natasha Foreman (Evanston Township) 12.19; 5. Takoya Thomas (Chicago Morgan Park) 12.37; 6. Bianca Rockett (Kankakee) 12.43.

800-meter run — 1. Christin Wurth (Bloomington) 2:12.15; 2. Anne Machalinski (Elmhurst York) 2:13.48; 3. Katie Butler (Normal Community) 2:13.85; 4. Ruth Kipping (Quincy) 2:14.42; 5. Kara Mullin (Lake Forest) 2:14.50; 6. Jenna Garow (Wheaton Warrenville South) 2:15.79.

400-meter run — 1. Adia McKinnon (Homewood Flossmoor) 55.18; 2. Tiffany Jones (Glenbard South) 56.38; 3. Allison Curtin (Taylorville) 56.59; 4. Jennifer Batie (Thornton Fractional South) 57.24; 5. Kawanana Levy (Springfield Southeast) 57.39; 6. Megan Wadas (Mt. Pros-

pect) 57.63.

800-meter medley relay — 1. Homewood Flossmoor 1:44.62; 2. Glenbard South 1:45.43; 3. Mt. Prospect 1:47.19; 4. Oak Park River Forest 1:47.30; 5. Evanston Township 1:47.79; 6. Springfield Southeast 1:47.95.

3,200-meter relay — 1. Elmhurst York 9:14.03; 2. Wheaton Warrenville South 9:21.17; 3. Lincolnshire Stevenson 9:28.41; 4. Naperville North 9:29.82; 5. Chicago Mother McAuley 9:31.7; 6. Glenbard North 9:33.11.

400-meter relay — 1. Hillside Proviso West 47.50; 2. Crete Monee 47.98; 3. East St. Louis Lincoln 48.25; 4. Chicago Morgan Park 48.30; 5. Mt. Prospect 48.57; 6. Glenbard South 49.22.

600-meter relay — 1. Evanston Township 1:39.06; 2. East St. Louis Lincoln 1:41.36; 3. Hillside Proviso West 1:41.87; 4. Chicago Morgan Park 1:42.03; 5. Sycamore 1:43.08; 6. Glenbard North 1:43.55.

300-meter low hurdles — 1. Natasha Foreman (Evanston Township) 42.58; 2. Carrie Fleming (Mt. Prospect) 43.19; 3. Dawn Harden (Crete Monee) 44.14; 4. Kelly Faber (Glenbard North) 44.44; 5. Kerry Fink (Arlington Heights) 44.46; 6. Jenei Klostermann (Highland) 44.47; 9. Elvira Williams (East St. Louis Lincoln) 46.08.

Granite City fails to reach state meet

Injury kept Stapleton sidelined; future looks bright for Warriors

By Jason Sharp
Correspondent

The postseason ended early for the Granite City High School girls track team.

GIRLS TRACK

Warriors were eliminated from the Alton sectional May 15 when they failed to qualify for any of the state events.

"We're disappointed," Warriors coach Gene Briggs said. "We've been able to place people for the last three years."

The Warriors made the trip to Alton last Friday minus top prospect Shannon Stapleton. Stapleton, a freshman who has been running well for the Warriors all year in the 400 meters, had to sit out of the sectional because of an ankle injury.

"We had a lot of success during the season. I believe this team has a good future ahead of it."

Gene Briggs
Granite City coach

"We missed Stapleton. She was probably our best chance at placing someone," Briggs said.

But the kids who were there did a great job," he added. "Our girls are still very young. We had 12 sophomores and 12 freshmen that competed at the varsity level for us this year. We had a lot of success during the season. I believe this team has a good future ahead of it."

GIRLS SOCCER

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

O'Fallon Sectional
FIRST ROUND:
Thursday, May 21
Collinsville 12, Metro East Lutheran 0.

Granite City 7, Cahokia 0.
Friday, May 22
Triad 12, Roxana 0.

Carbondale 4, Marion 1.
Saturday, May 23
Bellefonte West 4, Gibault 0.
O'Fallon 12, Collinsville 0.
Edwardsville 6, Mater Dei 1.
Bellefonte East 5, Althoff 0.

QUARTERFINAL
Tuesday, May 26
Collinsville 4, Bellefonte West 1.
O'Fallon 2, Carbondale 1.

Edwardsville 1, Granite City 1 (Edwardsville won in penalty kicks).
Bellefonte East 3, Triad 1.

SEMI-FINALS
Thursday, May 28
at O'Fallon
Collinsville, O'Fallon, 5 p.m.
Edwardsville vs. Bellefonte East, 7 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, May 30
at O'Fallon
Championship game.

QUARTERFINAL BOX SCORES

Collinsville 4, Bellefonte West 1
Bellefonte West 0 1 2 1
Collinsville 2 2 2 2

First Half
COLL — Christen Locandro (Lori Benesh), 15:00.
COLL — Cara LeMaster (unassisted), 33:00.

Second Half
COLL — Tasha Siegel (Kelly Bowling), 47:00.
COLL — Lori Benesh (unassisted), 77:00.
BW — Julie Brooks (unassisted),

79:00

Goalkeepers — COLLINSVILLE: Mary Ann Delgado; BELLEVILLE WEST: Jennifer Klich, Tara Korobey.

O'Fallon 2, Carbondale 1
Carbondale 1 0 0 1
O'Fallon 0 2 2 2

First Half
C — Courtney Reeder (unassisted), 25:00.
Second Half
O — Kim Mocer (unassisted), 50:00.

O — Kourtney Bradford (Julia Vandy), 55:00.

Corners — Carbondale 2, O'Fallon 10.
Fouls — Carbondale 4, O'Fallon 6.

Goalkeepers — CARBONDALE: Kara Hillman; O'FALLON: Elizabeth Hamby.

Bellefonte East 3, Triad 1

Bellefonte East 2 1 0 3
Triad 1 0 1 1

First Half
T — Alyson Sagovac (unassisted), 24:00.
BE — Christen Seaman (Shannon Bramble), 26:00.

BE — Bramble (Seaman), 35:00.
Second Half
BE — Bramble (Seaman), 35:00.

Shots — Bellefonte East 19, Triad 12.
Corners — Bellefonte East 4, Triad 6.
Fouls — Bellefonte East 20, Triad 13.

Goalkeepers — BELLEVILLE EAST: Niki Delgado, 14 saves; TRIAD: Lori Simpson, 16 saves.

Immediate rematch

Collinsville will get another shot at Edwardsville in postseason play after loss in conference finale

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

In a tune up for the Class A softball playoffs, Edwardsville and Collinsville squared off Tuesday afternoon — and the Tigers won 4-3.

The game was needed to complete Southwestern Conference play. However, it was a bit strange since second-seeded Edwardsville hosts seventh-seeded Collinsville 4 p.m. today in the first round of the playoffs at the Edwardsville Sports Complex.

"The girls know (Edwardsville) well and know what to expect, so they are focused on what they need to do to go after them," Collinsville softball coach Sara Thurwalker said.

The Kahoks (7-15) are a young squad. Debra Mesnier, the team's top pitcher, is the only senior on the squad. Junior players like catcher Amy Fitzgerald and first baseman Adrienne Wilson have had to take on more of the leadership roles on the team to help Mesnier.

"The upperclassmen have worked really well with the younger girls," Thurwalker said. "They are patient as well as getting the girls to work hard enough to where they are consciously aware of it."

Thurwalker said the squad has made positive strides with each game.

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"Watching the girls make the adjustments and seeing them execute good defensive plays just makes me happy seeing them do that and they feel it as well," Thurwalker said. "Their hitting is starting to improve. Their technique is improving to allow them to make better contact."

The winner of the Collinsville-Edwardsville game will face the winner of the Granite City-Civic Memorial game, 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Granite City enters the tournament as the sixth seed while Civic Memorial, the host for that first-round game today, is seeded third.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Edwardsville Regional
FIRST ROUND
Thursday, May 28
Jerseyville (8) at Highland (1), 4 p.m.

Alton (5) at Triad (4), 4 p.m.
Collinsville (7) at Edwardsville (2), 4 p.m.

Granite City (6) at Civic Memorial (3), 4 p.m.

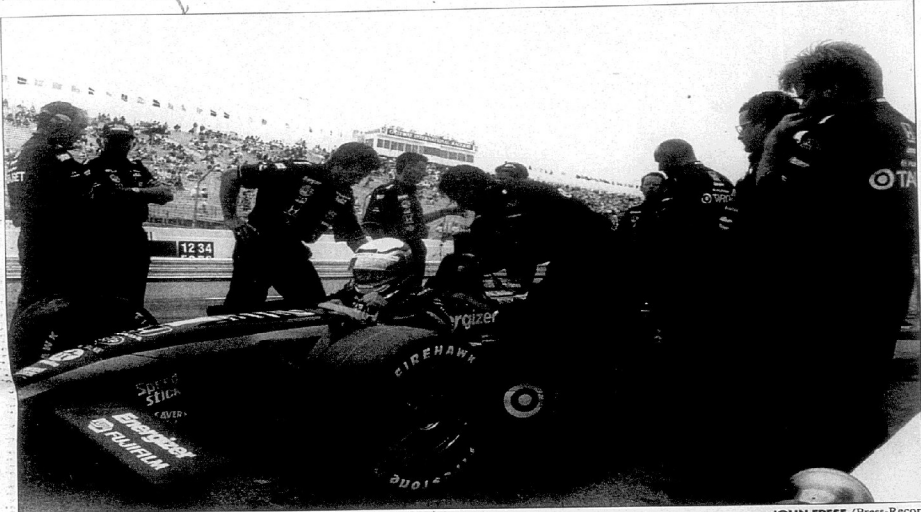
SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, May 30
at Edwardsville Sports Complex
Jerseyville-Highland winner vs. Alton-Triad winner, 10 a.m.

Collinsville-Edwardsville winner vs. Granite City-Civic Memorial winner, 12:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

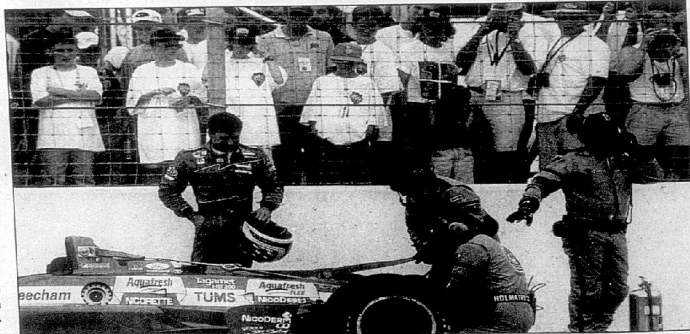
Monday, June 1
at Edwardsville Sports Complex
Championship game, 4 p.m.



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Scenes from
Motorola 300

ABOVE: Motorola 300 champion Alex Zanardi with his pit crew last Friday during practice sessions at Gateway International Raceway. AT RIGHT: Dennis Vitolo and crewmen inspect the damage to his car minutes after Vitolo crashed on lap 14. BELOW: Some of the crowd of more than 49,000 watch the action Saturday at the Motorola 300.



SPORTS

Change of Pace

Senior season at Collinsville altered course of Pace's life

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

If it was not for basketball, Collinsville resident Dennis Pace would have followed a career in the Air Force.

However, the influence of Collinsville High basketball coach Vergil Fletcher and the game itself eventually landed Pace a college scholarship, which was followed by a 29-year — and counting — teaching career. Twenty-six of those years have been at O'Fallon Township High, where Pace is currently the head of the physical education and health department.

"At that time and age when we were growing up, everybody was a blue-collar worker — worked construction that sort of nature," Pace said. "I really got interested in basketball watching Coach Fletcher team's. When I went through the program, I had no real goals or dreams of going to college. I was just going into the Air Force and be a military man and pay for my education that way."

Collinsville High's state championship season in 1965 changed the uniform Pace would wear after high school from Air Force blues to the

orange-and-blue basketball uniform at the University of Illinois.

The run the Kahoks had during the postseason in 1965 helped Pace garner attention from various colleges. He chose to be loyal to his home state and play for the Illini but he still had no idea he would lean toward education as a career.

"They more or less put me there (in physical education) to start with and it wasn't something I was really directly interested in at the beginning," Pace said. "But as I got farther along in college, I realized I wanted to stay in athletics. Coaching kept me in the gymnasium. It was just a great deal for me because it worked out perfectly."

After graduating from Illinois, Pace spent one year as a head coach in northern Illinois and three years as an assistant coach at Joliet. Pace had the unique experience of playing on a state championship team and then helping Joliet to a third-place finish at state in his first year there as an assistant.

To complete the basketball puzzle for Pace, he was an assistant coach at Collinsville all four years his son Tim

played for the Kahoks, 1984-85 to 1988-89.

"I got to watch my son play, which was so tremendous," Pace said. "He could have folded up with all the pressures of having his dad win a state championship and be an all-state player. He could have folded up and said 'This is too much for me, I don't want to be compared to my dad.' Everything he did he was successful. He got two college scholarships — a junior college and SIU-Carbondale. He was very successful at both places. As a father, it is hard to explain how gratifying it was to watch him."

"Having an opportunity to watch him and coach him, and I have a grandson now, if he would follow in those footsteps, I would trade anything for that. I know if you can go through an athletic program and be successful, and I have had a lot of kids that I have worked with in the last 30 years — when they get out of that program, they always make something out of themselves."

Dennis Pace made the most of himself his senior year at CHS in 1965. The Kahoks did not feature a "big man" and Pace may have been the team's tallest player at 6-foot-2. He was definitely the team's go-to player. He scored 792 points in 32 games or 24.7 a contest. He shot a sizzling 58 percent from the field — 301 of 511. Those kind of numbers helped him earn all-state honors in 1965.

Pace said it wasn't his offense that helped the Kahoks win a state title, it was the team's defense.

"Nobody expected much from us. We had never lost any basketball games so we didn't expect to lose when we were seniors. We were a bunch of hard-nosed, short kids that



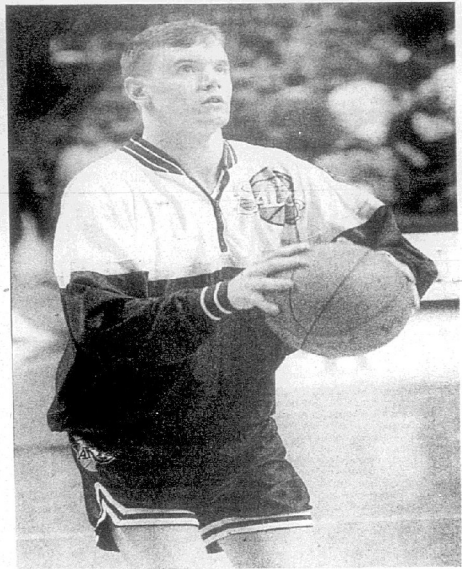
Dennis Pace, a teacher for 29 years and counting, is now the head of the physical education and health department at O'Fallon Township High School.

played tremendous defense. We weren't by any means the most-skilled team that ever played in the state of Illinois, but you saw our determination and we may have played the most hellish defense you ever saw."

The group of "short kids" put together an amazing 30-2 season. The team wrapped up the season with a 22-game winning streak, including a 55-52 victory against Quincy for the state championship.

While defeating Quincy gave the Kahoks the title, the game Pace remembers the most was against Lockport in the quarterfinals.

"We were just awestruck by the size of the players," Pace said. "What are we doing



Tim Pace played four years at Collinsville High while his father was the assistant coach to Bob Bone.

here?" Pace said. "We have got to be nuts. We came out of the dressing and everybody at the other end was screaming and hollering because they were dunking with the basket shaking and they were throwing it through."

"Then they tossed the ball up. You can take all the dunking you want to do, but you still have to pass the ball through the defense to get to somebody to dunk it. Nobody could get it through our defense."

Against a much taller Chicago Marshall team, Pace remembers Fletcher's advice: "Guys, we're supposed to win this game and these guys are supposed to fold up and leave." This guy started laughing and bricked a free throw. We went on to win by (12) points. Somewhere there is this philosophy of getting up by 10 means something and we ended up winning."

like it was yesterday. "He said the guys from Chicago play wild. If you get them down by 10 points, they will lose," Pace said. "We got them down by 10 points right away but they came right back. We got them down by 10 points and they kept coming back. Finally, in the third quarter, I turned to Harry Parker on the free-throw line to shoot a free throw and said, 'I thought Coach said if we get this guys down 10, we are supposed to win this game and these guys are supposed to fold up and leave.' This guy started laughing and bricked a free throw. We went on to win by (12) points. Somewhere there is this philosophy of getting up by 10 means something and we ended up winning."

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SPORTS

Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run set for June 13

The Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run and 2-mile run/walk is set for June 13 at Granite City High School.

The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 2K event at 9:45 a.m. at the Fehling Road parking lot by the east entrance to the high school.

Registration fee is \$9 before June 6; \$11 on race day. T-shirts will be included for the first 300 entries.

The event benefits the Granite City High School track and field team.

For information, contact Richard Skirball at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL, 62040; or call 451-5808.

Prairie State Games

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southwestern North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games scheduled for June 26-28 in southwestern Illinois.

There will be four teams — Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women — in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the high school level, while the Scholastic division is for players who are in grades 8-12 for the 1997-98 school year. A player must be either a resident of or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional team.

Players making the teams will compete against the state's 11 other region teams at the Finals, June 26-28.

The tryout fee is \$18, which includes a Prairie State Games souvenir T-shirt. Applications can be processed at the time of the tryout. Any athlete younger than 18 years of age must have his or her parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryouts and contact person for each of the teams are:

Basketball — Open Men (Jason Holmes — 659-1183), Open Women (Bob Emig — 632-1002).

Volleyball — Open Men (Rick Verduin — 656-7719 or 304-9188), Open Women (Missy Dorsey — 377-0987 or 656-0485), Scholastic Men (Jill Greenfield — 667-9412 at home or 667-6441 at work).

Soccer — Open Women, Gene Briggs, 876-4719 at home or 451-5808. Tryouts are May 26, May 31, June 2 and June 4, 6-4 p.m. at Belleville Area College in Granite City.

Volleyball Tryouts are as follows: Open Women at May 31, 2-4 p.m. at Edwardsville Middle School, 145 West Street.

The Prairie State Games, now in its fourth year in Southwestern Illinois, is the state's largest amateur sports festival. Almost 6,000 athletes competed in last year's games.

For further information on the P.S.G., call the team contact person or Regional Director Bob Emig (632-1002 or 344-0984).

Game Face

(Continued from Page 1B)

rin and as far east as Mount Vernon," Juenger said. "The Mississippi River is kind of a border on the other side. Club volleyball is becoming such a big thing because it gives college coaches an opportunity to see the kids. When the high school season is in session, the

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer camps

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-24, at Millstadt Fosse Soccer Fields in Collinsville. The day camp, with international coaches, is geared toward the serious soccer player ages 6 to 17. Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase. For information or application, call July at 931-8207 or Carol at 692-1033.

Softball tournaments

The Tomahawks Softball Club is sponsoring the following tournaments:

The Tomahawks Women's Open Fastpitch Softball Tournament, July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).

The fourth annual Tomahawks Summer Sizzler Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament, July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting). For more information, call 538-7738.

Baseball tournament

Fairview Heights will play host to the first National Amateur Baseball Federation Classic National baseball tournament for teams ages 12 and under June 14-21.

The Classic is an open tournament and is seeking up to 32 teams to participate. There is a five-game minimum guaranteed to each team, with additional games possible if the championship round.

Registration fees are \$525 per team. For more information, call 609-931-9220.

Baseball days

The 1998 Fairview Heights Sporting Goods and Baseball Card Show will be held July 18-19 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

The show is in cooperation with the "World Baseball Days" celebration, which is part of the "AA" World Baseball Classic. The celebration, to be held July 10-19 at Longacre Park. It is the highest-level youth baseball tournament in the world for players ages 15-16. Twelve nations from across the globe will compete for the gold medal.

The schedule for World Baseball Days is listed below:

July 18: baseball card show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; youth baseball camp, 10 a.m.-noon; sporting goods show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; autograph session with world athletes, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Taste of the World (local

restaurants serving food from the 12 participating countries), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fredbird, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; World Championships playoff games, noon-10 p.m.; barbecue, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; July 19: sporting goods show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; barbecue, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; bronze medal game, noon; gold medal game, 4 p.m.; awards ceremony, 7 p.m.

For more information, call 236-1768.

Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club. Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be awarded to the top 10 finishers in each of three flights.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 39 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call tournament general chairman John Ostank at 348-5665. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

BAC softball camps

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC baseball camps

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave., as BAC baseball coach Neil Flala conducts his annual summer camps during June and July.

Campers will learn the techniques of hitting, pitching and fielding. The cost of the two fundamentals camps is \$60; the cost of each specialized camp is \$90.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL, 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

- June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
- June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
- June 22-23, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
- June 24-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).
- July 6-7, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
- July 8-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (fielders).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

Junior golf

The Belleville Downtown Optimists are again sponsoring this year's local Junior Golf Championships. This year's tournament will be May 31 at Tamarack Country Club in Shi-

loh (632-6666). Tee time starts at 11 a.m., but players must arrive at least half an hour earlier to check in.

The event is open to boys and girls ages 14-18; they cannot be 19 prior to July 25 and must reach age 14 by the same date. The entry deadline is today. Players may enter by calling Doug at 277-0809, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

The cost is \$18 per player and is payable at check-in time the day of the tournament. For fee times, call 233-3563 the afternoon of May 30.

Renegades win

The Belleville Renegades U-13 select soccer team won the Columbia Pride Tournament, held May 16-17 in Columbia, Mo. The Renegades outscored their opponents 16-0 in the four games.

The Renegades also won the Lieber S.C. Thanksgiving Tournament in St. Louis in November and finished second in the Pre-Easter Classic in Collinsville.

Members of the team are Josh Brownfield, Cory Dehler, Ryan Triplett, Alex McDonald, Greg Crook, Tyler Kneipkamp, Phil Rodriguez, Adam Rose, Matt King, Jay Wyatt, Chris Pruden, Alexander Eslinger, Jesse Carney, Shawn Zanders, Brian Price, Corey Scher, Kyle Heney, Ed Davis and Ryan Neighbors. The team is coached by Todd Neighbors and Mike Triplett.

Junior tennis

Kings Point Racquet Club in Belleville will conduct its junior tennis program this summer. Classes are listed below.

Little Star Players (ages 4-8): This class will meet each Monday from 2-3 p.m. Children will have an introduction to tennis with fun and games, which will concentrate on hand-eye coordination, how to handle a racket and the basic tennis strokes. The cost is \$60.

Junior Development Players (ages 9-12): This class will meet Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Players will work on full-court stroke mechanics and serves with concentration on half-court consistency drills. This includes ground strokes, serves, volleys, singles and doubles positioning during play and learning how to keep score. The cost is \$180.

Junior Elite players: This class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday (play session) from noon to 1:30 p.m. Emphasis will be on ground strokes and volleys with control and consistency, short and deep volleys, and serves with control. Players will learn basic fundamentals of lobs, drop shots, approach shots and overheads. Basic doubles strategy will also be covered. This includes a player pass. The cost is \$265.

The sign-up deadline is June 4. For more information, call Kings Point at 277-7715.

Golf tourney

The eighth annual Allsup Classic, a golf tournament benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois, will

be held Monday, Aug. 24 at St. Clair Country Club in Belleville.

There will be a shotgun start at noon with a box lunch on the course. Dinner and awards will follow tournament play. The tournament is a four-person scramble with numerous prizes.

The entry fee is \$150 per person. For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 398-3162.

Softball tournament

Esquire's Softball will hold its annual men's and women's tournament June 13-14 at Emmerick Park in Wood River.

The entry fee is \$135 and a new softball, with a \$50 deposit at the drawing, 7-11 p.m. on June 10. The top four teams win trophies, with the top three teams winning \$600, \$400 and \$200, respectively.

For more information, call Lester Knuckles at (314) 868-0017, Paul Albers at (314) 388-3402 or Ivory Rooks at (314) 365-5030.

Basketball tournaments

McHenry, Ill., will host two basketball tournaments in June. The first is June 20-21 and is open to boys and girls in grades 5-6, 7 and 8 and girls in grades 9-10 and 11-12. The second is June 27-28 and is open to boys in grades 9-10 and 11-12.

A minimum of five games is guaranteed. The entry fee is \$250 per team with a deadline of June 1. For more information, call Mike Mott at (815) 344-5328 or (815) 344-5738 or in the daytime at (815) 365-7077.

Zoo run

"Make Tracks for the Zoo," the St. Louis Zoo's annual run/walk through the zoo and portions of Forest Park, will be Sunday, May 31.

The 5K run, four-mile walk and one-mile fun run/walk begins and ends at the Kiener Memorial Entrance to the zoo at the corner of Washington and Government Drive in Forest Park. The 5K run and four-mile walk begin at 8 a.m., with the one-mile fun run/walk beginning at 8:45 a.m. Last-minute registration is from 8:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the event

benefit the enhancement of the zoo's exhibits and attractions. Registration forms are available at the St. Louis Zoo Friends Association office in the Living World, at area Schnucks stores or by calling (314) 768-5440.

LPGA pro-am

Sixteen LPGA pros will join St. Louis celebrities and amateurs in a five-person scramble at the Jerry Clinton/AMC LPGA Pro-Am Golf Tournament on Monday, June 8 at Fox Run Club in Eureka, Mo. The event will tee off at 11 a.m.

The entry fee of \$600 includes a pre-tournament breakfast and lunch on the course, 18 holes of golf with a cart, a cocktail and buffet, and a gift package with a pro/celebrity foursome photo. Amateurs will have the opportunity to win a Lincoln-Mercury car or a Harley-Davidson motorcycle when scoring a hole-in-one on a par-three hole.

For more information, call (314) 569-0500 or fax (314) 569-9955.

Potthast camps

The 17th annual J.R. Potthast Baseball Camp will be 8:30 a.m.-12 noon June 8-12 and June 15-19 at the Highland VFW (campers may come at 7:30 a.m. for extra hitting).

The camp is for boys ages 8-16; campers are divided into groups by age and ability. The cost is \$38 for one week and \$69 for two weeks (\$48 and \$78 after April 20).

For more information, call Marcia at 654-2619.

There will also be an advanced pitching clinic for pitchers age 12 and older on Sundays: May 3, 10, 24 and 31. The cost is \$20.

The J.R. Potthast Softball Camp will be 8:30 a.m.-12 noon June 15-19 at the Highland VFW (campers may come at 7:30 a.m. for extra hitting).

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By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

Carpenters get busy at BAC campus

The carpenter's apprentices who will be competing in the contest all are students of the BAC construction carpentry program.

The Southern Illinois Carpentry Apprenticeship program covers a district of 39 counties in Southern Illinois. The competitors are the top 12 apprentices of 80 local apprentices in the program.

Program focuses on region

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Washington Park may soon become the focus of a pilot program being designed to demolish derelict and abandoned homes throughout St. Clair County.

In a meeting last week at the county's health department, Washington Park Mayor Robert Moore told Paul Ruesch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago that there are around 350 homes to be demolished in Washington Park.

Moore said the city has been working for the last two years to demolish homes as finances allow. He said the remnants of about 30 homes are still piled up on the ground.

"As we can afford Dumpsters, we haul them off," Moore said. "We slacked up on demolition because of the 30 on the ground."

Under the county's new home inspection program that began Jan. 1, the zoning department is in the process of identifying structures that need to be demolished.

Ruesch said that illegal dumping at derelict and abandoned homes creates additional problems.

"We need to identify properties that are clearly magnets for open dumping sites," Ruesch said.

Moore said he had requested local fire departments to use abandoned homes in Washington Park as training sites.

The problem is the air quality is so poor because of the factories, we could only do two to three homes a year," Moore said.

The group, which consists of about 10 people, including St. Clair County Board member Frank Hellenstien, also discussed ways to finance the project.

"Funding is available from the Federal level. I would like to match that with local money," Ruesch said. "If the Feds come in and put a lot of money into something and then walk away, it's not going to last."

Other financial support, such as grants and the use of in-kind services, was also discussed. Ruesch said he was looking at between \$50,000 and

to proceed with the project plans are to send area mayor letters requesting documentation, including pictures, of abandoned homes. The group will meet within the next month or two to develop a plan, including a timeline and budget to get the structures torn down.

Gregory Bell suffered serious injuries during the beating April 14, 1997 at his house in the Benton Park West neighborhood.

Justin Meehan, an attorney for the Bell family along with Steve Ryals, said it's his understanding this is the largest settlement in a beating case in the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's history.

settlement," Meehan said. "We hope this is something people learn from so that it never happens again."

It still needs to be determined who will pay the settlement: the city or the police department. Monica McFee, a spokeswoman for Mayor Clarence Harmon, said Harmon believes the police should pay. "In no way does the mayor dispute the amount of the settlement," McFee said. "It needs to be determined whose coffers the money comes from."

though." Harmon and Henderson are discussing the situation, McFee said.

Bell, then 19, suffered cuts, bruises and a fractured ankle. He was mistaken for a burglar after police responded to an alarm sounding at his house. He resisted arrest and started fighting officers.

About a dozen more police answered an "officers in need of aid" call.

A St. Louis grand jury later accused Sgt. Thomas Moran of beating Bell after he had been subdued. Lt. Ed Harper was indicted for conspiracy to hinder prosecution.

A Kansas City jury May 1 found Moran not guilty of second-degree assault, third-degree assault and hindering prosecution.

and reinstatement. The department suspended him May 8, 1997. He remains on suspension pending a department investigation into the Bell incident.

The circuit attorney's office dropped the case against Harper after the jury acquitted Moran.

Meenan said the Bell family still plans to go ahead with the civil rights suit it filed last June against Moran and the St. Louis police board. The suit contends the police board did not discipline the officers.

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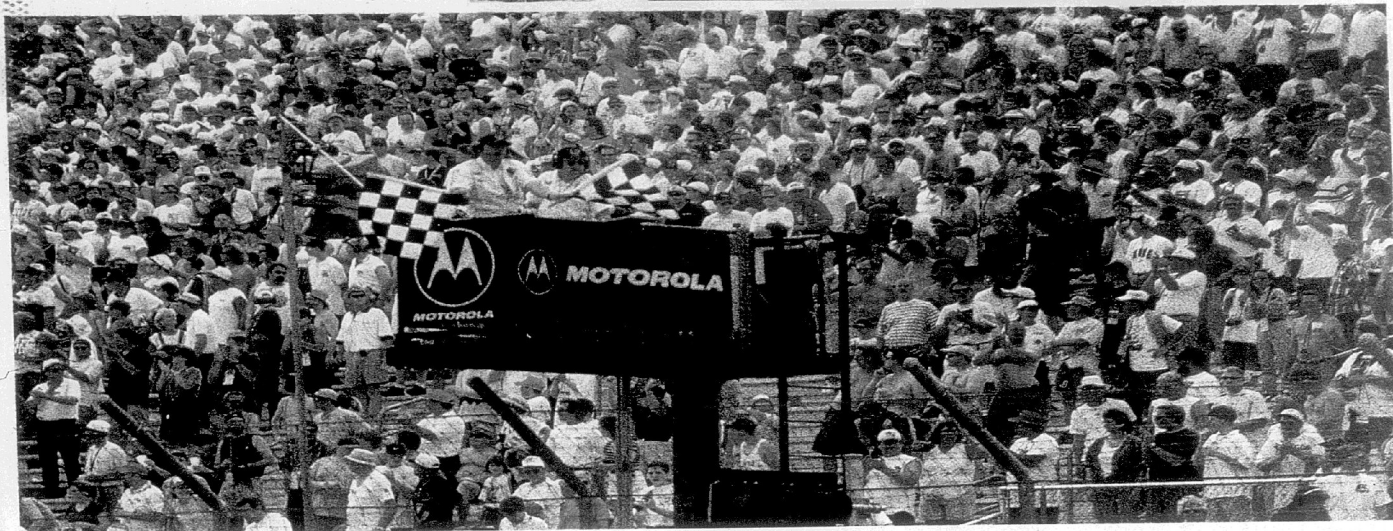
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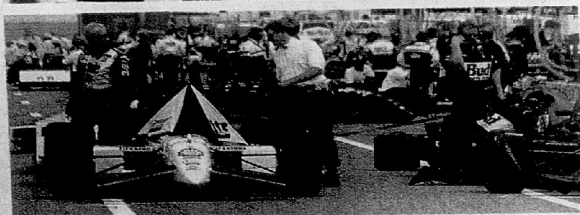
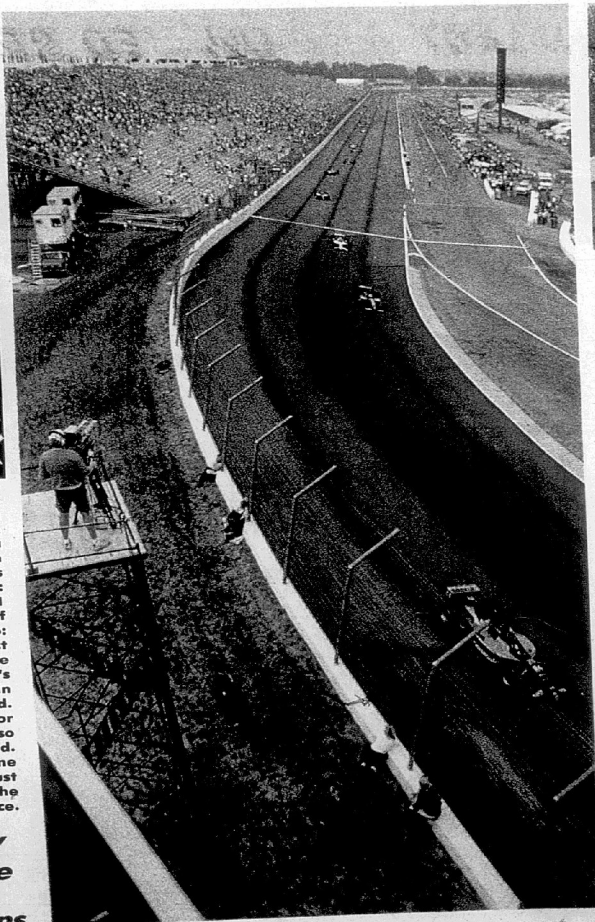
At right, fans on the infield watch the Motorola 300 from the tops of their recreational vehicles. Below, crowds in the grandstand watch as the checkered flag is waved for winner Alex Zanardi.



49,500 crowd Gateway Raceway

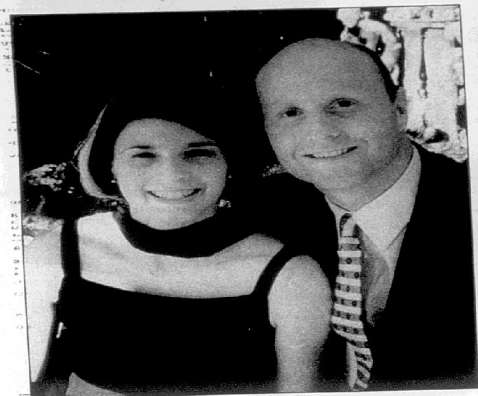


Above: Bob Burgy, a member of Motorola 300 winner Alex Zanardi's crew, airs up a set of 16 tires in preparation for Friday's practice session. Right: The cars head into Turn 1 during the second lap of the race. Far right, top: Emergency crews direct the wreck of Dennis Vitolo's car, which crashed in front of the grandstand. Middle: A fan roots for driver J.J. Leto, also from her native Finland. Bottom: The racers line up in the pit lane just prior to the start of the race.



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Valerie Robertson and Jeff Rector

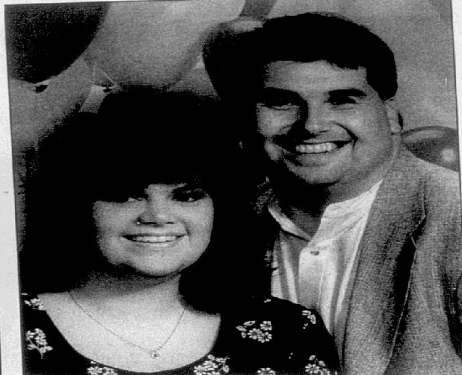
Robertson — Rector

Valerie L. Robertson and Jeff A. Rector, both of Denver, Colo., have announced their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Diane and John Robertson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and the maternal granddaughter of Dina and Matthew Blatner of Madison. She is the paternal granddaughter of Albert Robertson of Granite City, and the late Earl Robertson. She is employed as a senior accountant by Arthur Anderson L.L.P.

The future groom is the son of Mary Lynn and Bill Rector of Albuquerque, N.M.

He is a graduate of Colorado State University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology. He is employed as a regional sales manager for O.M.C. Americas in North Carolina.

A Sept. 5 wedding is planned at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.



Ann Marie Mitchell and Darren Mayhall

Mitchell — Mayhall

Ann Marie Mitchell and Darren E. Mayhall, both of Granite City, are engaged to be married.

The future bride is the daughter of Kathy and Phillip Mitchell of Granite City. A graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where she received her master's degree in speech-language pathology, Mitchell is currently employed by the Granite City School District as a seventh-grade language-impaired classroom teacher at Coolidge Middle School.

The future groom is the son of Maggie and Gene Mayhall of Granite City. Also an SIUE graduate, he is employed by the Granite City School District as a fifth-grade teacher at Prather Elementary School.

A July wedding is planned.



Bernadette Burke and Donald Winnie III

Burke — Winnie

Bernadette Burke and Donald Winnie III have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Linda Burke of Granite City and George Burke of Hartford, Ind.

The future groom is the son of Melva Winnie of Austin, Ind., and Donald Winnie Jr. of Granite City.

Burke is a 1997 business graduate of Venice Lincoln and is employed as a building aide for Prather School in Granite City.

Winnie is a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School and is a mechanic at Alltrack Equipment in Granite City. A July-18 wedding is planned at New Life Christian Fellowship, with the Rev. Jeff Smith officiating.

The maid of honor will be Jaclyn Moylan of Granite City, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids will be Cathy Winnie, sister of the groom; Suzi Barnes, cousin of the bride; and Rosie Ryan, friend of the bride. Brittany Parker will be the flower girl.

The best man will be Donald Winnie Jr. of Granite City, father of the groom. Groomsmen will be T.J. Moylan and Brian Jordan Parker will serve as ringbearer. Ushers will be Tim Burke and DuWayne Burke, both of Granite City.

A reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall is planned.

IN SERVICE

Marine Pvt. COREY A. SHEPARD, son of James F. and Andrea J. Shepard of Granite City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Shepard is a 1997 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

Marine Pfc. JAMES O. STEPHENS, son of James O. and Patricia A. Stephens of Granite City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Stephens is a 1996 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

Army Spec. DONALD A. LACUNIAK has deployed on a temporary duty assignment to Soto Cano Air Base, Comayagua, Honduras, as a member of Joint Task Force Bravo, the command and control headquarters for most U.S. military training forces deployed to participate in exercises and training activities in the Republic of Honduras.

Lacuniak, a squad leader, is the son of Janet R. Lacuniak of Granite City and Harry C. Lacuniak of Madison. He is a 1992 graduate of Madison Senior High School.

Army Pfc. ERIN M. DAVIS has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Davis is the granddaughter of Mary V. Monroe of Granite City and is a 1993 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

ANNIVERSARY

Craycraft — 50 years

Shad and Pauline Craycraft of Granite City observed their 50th wedding anniversary with their family on May 1, 1948.

Shad Craycraft and Pauline Sabo were married May 1, 1948, in Granite City. Both have lived in Granite City for more than 60 years.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Craycraft had been a foreman at American Steel Foundry in Granite City for 35 years. He is a past governor of the Illinois Moose Club.

Mrs. Craycraft has been a meat wrapper at Tri-City Grocery in Granite City for 30 years until her retirement.

The Craycrafts are the parents of Ronald Craycraft of Illinois, Donald Cheney of Mount Zion, Ill., and Richard Cheney of Florissant, Mo. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Terrell — Pempek

Sara L. Terrell, daughter of Jolene and Gary Terrell of Granite City, and Bryon G. Pempek, son of Bessie and George Pempek of Springfield, are engaged to be married.

Terrell is a graduate of Granite City Senior High School. She is currently employed as a legal secretary with Crowder and Scoggins Ltd. in Columbia.

Pempek is a graduate of Griffin High School, and has a bachelor's degree from Southern College. He is a public service administrator with the State of Illinois in Springfield.

An October wedding is planned at the Chapel in the Glen in Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee.

WEDDING

Barnes — Chism

Melodie Rose Barnes and James Loy Chism Jr. were married on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at First Baptist Church in Granite City.

The bride is the daughter of Julie Barnes and Collins Harlen of Granite City and of Bryan and Beth Barnes of Maryville.

The groom is the son of Patricia and James Chism Sr. of Granite City.

Lori Burns attended her friend as maid of honor. Kaitlyn Barnes, sister of the bride, and McKenna Scaturro, cousin of the bride, served as flower girls.

Tracy Jorman attended his friend as best man. Brett and Sean Barnes, brothers of the bride, and the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The couple is currently residing in Pontoon Beach.

GCBS band to perform at park

The Granite City Senior High School Concert Band will present a "Pops in the Park" concert at 7 p.m. today, at the Wilson Park Gazebo.

The public is welcome to attend.

On Friday, the Granite City

Marching Warriors will present a goods and services dinner/auktion at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$10 per person. For tickets call Debbie Moseley at 931-3973 or Paula Weiss at 931-2912.

BIRTHS

Brennen Jones

ANNE and DAVID JONES of Granite City are the parents of a son, Brennen Allen, born April 26, 1998, at 2:01 p.m., at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Brennen weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces, and has two brothers, Dustin and Austin. Maternal grandparents are Nancy and Joseph Schreiber of East Alton. Paternal grandparents are Jo Ann and Donald Jones of Granite City.

Kevin Zahn

GARY JR. and ROBERTA ZAHN, former Granite City residents, now of Cahokia, have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Kevin Wesley, was born at 6:58 p.m. Dec. 28, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7

pounds, 9 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Betty Kurtz of Cahokia and the late Everett Kurtz.

Gary Zahn Sr. of Greenville, Mo., and Patricia Zahn of Caseyville are the paternal grandparents.

Colton Grote

JIM and CARMEL GROTE of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Colton James Grote was born April 3, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces, and John Justine, age 2, is his brother.

His maternal grandparents are Gil and Joyce Ducky of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Jim and Deb Grote of Granite City.

Joshua Gass

BILL and MELISSA GASS of New Douglas, formerly Granite City, have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Joshua William Gass was born May 1, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces, and John Christina, age 10, is his brother.

His maternal grandparents are Leon and Georgia Mullen of Greenville.

The paternal grandparents are William and the late Valeria of Granite City.

Jordan Stermer

WILLIAM and LEEANN STERMER of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Jordan James Stermer was born at 9:38 a.m. May 1, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and John Bioko Richard, age 1, is his brother.

His maternal grandparents are Richard and Patricia Kettell of Perkin.

The paternal grandmother is Martha Stermer of Perkin.

The Press-Record/Journal will publish birth announcements up to six weeks following a child's birth. Although most birth announcements are received from local hospitals, birth announcements may be sent to the newspaper at: Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040.

TRIP OF THE HAT

CHRISTOPHER PAUL McMILLAN, son of Charles and Marilyn McMillan of Granite City, has received his master of arts degree in mathematics from Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.

While at the university, he was a graduate research and teaching assistant. He was also involved with Campus Christian Fellowship. McMillan will pursue a career in information systems in the communications industry.

Former 25-year Granite City resident ROBERT HULL, 26, has been accepted for a position on the Vador, Wash. Police Department. On May 1, he graduated from the Reserve Police Academy in Lewis County, Wash., and will attend the Washington State Academy in Seattle later this year.

ROSE KOSTECKI of Madison celebrated her 75th birthday with a party at the Granite City Township Hall on Sunday, March 23. She was married to the late Pete Kosteck of Madison, and is the daughter of the late John and Fronie Kamadulski of Nashville, Ill.

The party was hosted by Kosteck's children: Gale and Marie Midyett, Pete Kosteck, Patti and John Culbert, and Dan Kosteck; her nephew, John Kamadulski; and her three grandchildren: Sarah and Melanie Kosteck and John Lee Culbert.

She is quite fortunate to come from a large family of five brothers and three sisters, and all were able to attend except Ed Kamadulski, who passed away in February 1997.



JOSEPH S. HERMAN of Granite City High School has been awarded the Dean's Honorary Scholarship in Granite City as a United States National Award Winner in St. Louis.

He is the son of Bob and Cici Herman of Granite City.

Joseph was selected for these merit-based scholarships because of his exemplary high school record and potential for continued high academic achievement. Chosen from more than 16,000 applicants for a freshman class of 1200, he was welcomed into the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, where he plans to major in mechanical engineering and German.

The United States Achievement Academy has selected KATIE LLOYD of Granite City as a United States National Award Winner in the area of science. Her name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Katie is the daughter of Donnie and Kathy Lloyd, and the granddaughter of Don L. Lloyd, and of



Dee and Naomi Raynor, all of Granite City. She attends Coolidge Middle School, where she was nominated for the award by her teacher, Mrs. Kunz. A high honor student, Katie is one of the school's football, basketball and wrestling cheerleaders, and plays basketball and softball.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors, and upon its own standards of selection, such as academic performance, citizenship, leadership qualities, responsibility, interest and aptitude, and motivation to learn.

HEATHER ELAINE HAYS, 8, competed at the American Dream Kids National Pageant at the Holiday Inn in Palatine, Ill., recently.

She competed in dress, photogenic, portfolio, and optional. Heather won her age division of 7 to 9 Little Miss and received a \$5,000 savings bond, trophy, sash, and a crown. Heather also won overall supreme beauty and photogenic in which she had the highest total



points in beauty and photogenic of the entire pageant. She also won talent for her song division.

She attends third grade at Holy Family School. Her modeling coach is Judy Barnam.

Her parents are Chris and Krisandra Hays of Granite City. She is the sister of Ryan and Gavlin Hays. Her grandparents are Fay Hamilton, Cherrie and David Hays, and the late Charles Hamilton.

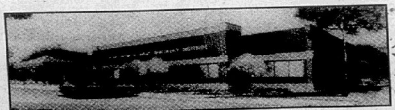
ALEXIS REANNE NOLAN recently won the title of Stars of Tomorrow photogenic winner. She won in her group, 2- to 3-year-olds. She won a gown, hair and fees paid to National Christmas Pageant. Alexis was recently notified she had been chosen to be on the cover of an advertising brochure. She is actively involved in gymnastic at Olympic Gymnastics, and takes dance and modeling lessons.

Alexis is the 3-year-old daughter of Benny and Rhonda Nolan and the granddaughter of Chester and Rita Vet and Benny and Olivia Nolan of Granite City.

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SOCIETY

Home League women discuss Alzheimer's disease

The women of the Home League met Tuesday in the Salvation Army Hall. Mrs. Harriet Colp conducted the meeting on aging. They all agreed that Alzheimer's is not a new disease. It just has a new name — because senility has always been around.

Lunch was served to Doris Stark, Evelyn Miles, Geraldine Clay, Hazel Meisenheimer, Marie Verbruyck, Mary Mize, Cleo Slusher, Mildred Lovejoy, Doris Nelson, Joyce Moran, Myrtle Howell, Jo Wilkins, Norma McAmish, Nina Hull, Dorothy Castleman, Gertha Bradley, Kathryn Brewer, Celia Wright, Marie Szerzinski, Evelyn Bringer, Evelyn Wimberly, Luzel Scott, Ruth Ruprecht, Beatrice Russell, Darlene Robinson, Elizabeth Griffin, Doris Stark, Ernestine Hahn and Maxine Rutter.

A potluck lunch is planned for the next meeting, and each member should take her mother's favorite dish. There will



Maxine Green

be a question-and-answer session on mothers. For transportation call 451-7957.

Cora Nance of Granite City, accompanied by her sister, Sylvia Richmond of Grandin, Mo., motored to their home towns of Hutchinson and Nickerson, Kan., on a week-long vacation.

They visited their aunts, Mildred and Juanita Houser, and numerous cousins from Emporia, Kan. They also visited several historical sites on the Santa Fe Trail and had

dinner in the Hayes House, one of the oldest restaurants in the nation.

The Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church held its May meeting at the church. A Bible quiz was led by Emily Hoggopian. A guessing game was also played, and everyone went home with a prize. Refreshments were served to Marge Hatfield, Janice Stanton, Donna Bryant, Kay Anderson, Betty Gerdes, Marge Borsh, Louise Sullivan and the teacher, Emily Hoggopian.

Residents of Anchorage Homes get together on the third Wednesday of the month and enjoy a time of fellowship. President Vera Lynn called the latest meeting to order. Members were supposed to wear fancy decorated hats, as the theme of the meeting was, "Hats."

Favors of small party hats were placed at each plate at the potluck lunch, which was served to 36 people. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison. Pastor Brian of First Baptist Church sang two special solos.

Four people celebrated birthdays in May. Earl Spalding gave three readings. One was about his old home where he grew up. Also, "The Touch of the Master's Hand," and "The Story of the Soap-Operas." Dorothy Castleman quoted the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Other residents who are interested in joining may contact the president for more information.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Cora) Nance are proud to announce the birth of their newest granddaughter, Serena Nance. Born March 23, and weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, she joins parents David and Jill Nance,

sisters Brittany, Bethany and Mariah, and brother David.

The Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic was held April 27 at Third Baptist Church in Granite City. MCBIA Sunday School Director Ron Zamkus reported that the 87 people who attended represented 13 of the 21 churches and one mission. There were nine pastors in attendance.

Thanks goes to the Clinic Facilitators for all their hard work and enthusiasm: Amy Cupples and Jude Zamkus. Preschool Division: Linda Bridges, Millie Hand and Juanita Carter — Children's Division: Marty DeRoche — Youth: and Sherman Smith — Youth: "Star Quest: A Galatians Good News Adventure" is the VBS theme for this year.

The Good Samaritan House Prayer Breakfast will be at 9

a.m. Saturday, in the Granite City High School Cafeteria. Everyone is invited free of charge, but a request courtesy RSVP for the number planning to attend may be made by calling 877-0040.

First Baptist Church of Madison will host the musical group True Harbor at its Sunday morning service. The public is invited to attend.

Some memory loss can now be treated. The first step is a simple, 10-minute standardized verbal interview, which is kept private and confidential. A free memory loss screening will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, in the Providence Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa Street.

Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 798-3201.

CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Mark Swinney, C.S.B. of Albuquerque, N.M., will speak on "The Power of the Word to Heal" at 2 p.m. June 7, at FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 2560 Delmar Ave., Granite City. No collection will be taken. Child care for young children will be provided.

A graduate of the University of California at Davis, the Rev. Swinney was formerly in the ski business. Today, he devotes his full professional time to the public practice of Christian Science as a Christian Science Practitioner, Teacher and Lecturer, and as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship in Boston.

He also serves the Christian Science Publishing Society as a consulting editor and as editor of the Church's home page on the Internet.

The public is welcome to attend.

Traveling evangelist Ken Lee will perform a drama at Granite City's MOUNT ZION GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday.

This performance, part of the church service, is free and open to the public; a love offering will be taken to help pay for his ministry. A nursery will be provided.

A free Community Outreach Breakfast featuring informational and public service activities will be held beginning at 9 a.m. June 6 at the VENUE RECREATION CENTER, 323 Broadway.

The public is welcome to attend this event, which is sponsored by Sister Betty J. Boyd and the Rev. Benjamin Kelly of St. James Church of God in Christ Congregational. Gospel music and entertainment will be broadcast live on radio station KATZ 1630 AM. A pediatrician will be on hand to help update

immunizations for infants; immunization records are required. Advice will be available in the areas of health, AIDS awareness, marriage, finance "how to become a free" job seeking (by Manpower Temp Service) and beauty (with samples, by Providence).

Counseling will be available for women and in the areas of drugs and alcohol. Blood pressure will be checked. Children's entertainment will be provided. Local pastors and school principals and representatives will appear, and testimonies will be given.

Donations to this event have been made by Magna Bank, Food for the Poor, Red Fox, Busy Bee Bakery, Prairie Farms and the City Council of Venice.

Brother Randy Hardwick of Alton has assumed his duties as the new pastor of FAITH CHAPEL GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 664 Ashland in Mitchell.

He received his theological training at Oakland City College in Oakland City, Ind. He is the former pastor of Victory General Baptist Church in Alton.

Hardwick would like to encourage everyone that doesn't have a home church to come join them in worship.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by Sunday morning worship services at 11 a.m. The church's Sunday and Wednesday evening services usually begin at 7 p.m.

King's Kids Club, for children between the ages of 4 and 10, also begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The church's Bible School will be held from June 15-19. Children ages 3 to 16 are welcome.

For more information call church secretary Lucy Calbert at 831-1268.

Eagles present gift to autism center

The April 28 meeting of Eagles Auxiliary 1125 was opened by President Mildred Boyd, with all officers present with the exception of Trustee Flor Stokes. Rose Piechocinski served as pro-tem trustee.

A letter was received from the Grand Aerie with the no goose egg sticker for the month of March. An invitation from Oquawa 4029 for their Officers Weekend (May 1-3) was also read.

A check for \$3,300 was presented to Past President Susan Allen and Jimmy Durante Chairperson Joan Mezo for the

Illinois Autism Center. The check was presented to members of the Center at their May 12 meeting.

Diabetes chairperson Fuzz Hagnauer asked that her money be given locally to the Diabetes Center in Granite City instead of sending it in to the Grand Aerie. This was approved by the Auxiliary. Susan Allen thanked all who helped her with her cancer project. Millie Weatherford informed the Auxiliary that Vera Johnson is now in a nursing home — Swansea Care Center.



Scout court — St. Elizabeth Boy Scout Troop 13 held a Court of Honor on April 20. Above, members include, from left, bottom row: Mark Ryan, Steven Lickenbrock, Ray Geroff, Alex Wilson, Bradley Grace, Kyle Johnson and Glen Hommert; middle row: Marv Wiedemer, Eric Illies, Bill Kolliste, Brian Dittman, William Kutosky, Tim Lamp, Steve Geroff, Bryan Fornachon and Mike Fornachon; top row: Mike Dittman, Al Pace, Jr., Christ Layloff, Larry Wisland, Milan Babic, Will, Al Pace Sr., Bob Moske and Mark Ryan. At right: New Scouts inducted into the troop were Mark Ryan, Ray Geroff, Bradley Grace, Alex Wilson and Steven Lickenbrock.



Al and Lucille Mossa, Young at Heart members, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary at a recent club meeting.

Young at Heart set to vote on officers in June

Young at Heart Senior Citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting on May 18 in the church community center.

The meeting was called to order by President Irma Manning. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April meeting were read by recording secretary Cleo Siebert, followed by the treasurer's report given by Celeste Mance. Friendship chairperson Mary Rita Ahlers sent a sympathy card to Mary Siebert and a get-well card to Elaine Bury. Mary Siebert verbally thanked the Young at Heart members for the sympathy card due to the death of her brother, Edward Siebert.

Membership chairperson Connie McGee reported 59 members in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in May were: Clotilde Mosby, Ruth McLew, Mary Siebert, Ann Kovach and John Forrest.

Lucille and Al Mossa celebrated their 52nd anniversary in May.

Nominating committee member Ann Kovach announced the selection of officers to be voted on at the June meeting. They are: Cleo Siebert, president; Retta Lombardi, vice president; Cleo Schneffe, recording secretary; Goldie Rozycke, treasurer; and Pauline Hanson, corresponding secretary.

President Manning asked for volunteers to sign the roster to work at the June Festival, scheduled for June 19-21. Volunteers are needed to work at the flea market, cake walk, cake stand and party wagon.

A trip is scheduled on Sept. 23 to Southern Illinois and different points of interest, including San Damiana, which overlooks the Ohio River. The price is \$5. We'll start taking reservations and payment in July.

June is the tenth anniversary of the forming of Holy Family Catholic Parish (formerly St. Joseph, Sacred Heart and St. Margaret Mary's).

Attendance prizes were won by: Marilyn Schooley, Ann Pieper, Nellie Forrest, Lorraine Parkinson, Ruth Nova-



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Following refreshments of ice cream sundaes, the remainder of the event spent

playing bingo.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m., June 1, in the church community center.

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Easter play — The Sunday school class of St. Peter's United Church of Christ presented the play, "The Donkey," to the congregation on Easter morning. Teacher Linda Watson served as director and was assisted by Lynn Doolittle, Pat Foote, the Rev. Rose Hermanto, organist, Roy Salzman and Karen Anders. Members of the cast were: Austin and Danny Comer, Andi and Ali Harper, Leah Watson, Mike and Jake Plumley, David Little, Davea Foote, Carlie Frost, Bobby and Lonnie Clayton, Brett Dickinson, Alex and Jarrod Doolittle, Megan Anders, Katie Ivie, Nicole Bellman, and James and Daniel Watson. Following the play, the guests were served breakfast by the Sunday school class. All the tables were decorated in an Easter theme, using bunnies, chicks and Easter eggs. Pictured, in the foreground from left, are Jarrod Doolittle and Alex Doolittle.

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1710 LILLOO GARAGE SALES

6200-6161. Baby walkers, baby clothes, toys, books, etc. Saturday, May 30th, 10am-2pm. 6200-6161. Baby walkers, baby clothes, toys, books, etc. Saturday, May 30th, 10am-2pm. 6200-6161. Baby walkers, baby clothes, toys, books, etc. Saturday, May 30th, 10am-2pm.

1710 MOVING

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2592 WATERMAN

Much more than just moving. Kitchen and household items. Decorations. Toys. Some girls clothes.

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